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## Peres to make last-minute decision on Hebron pullout

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and agencies

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres said Friday that he would make a last-minute decision on withdrawing IDF troops from Hebron on schedule, linking the pullout to the Palestinian Authority's crackdown on extremists.

The IDF was to withdraw most of its troops from Hebron on March 28 under the Oslo 2 accord. Some troops are to remain in the city to protect the 400 settlers living there.

However, the government is reconsidering the withdrawal in light of the series of suicide bomb attacks by Islamic terrorists that have taken 59 lives since February 25.

Peres said that since only a few hours were necessary for the redeployment he would "weigh it until the last moment."

"At first I thought we'd need a week to redeploy, now it develops that a few hours are enough," Peres said.

"I want to make sure the Palestinian Authority has full control over Hamas and I want to know where we stand on the Palestinian charter," Peres told Channel 1 Friday night.

Peres said he was satisfied with the effort Arafat was making but wanted to ensure that the crackdown on the militants would continue.

Earlier Friday, Peres told high school pupils in Holon that the Palestinians were fighting terrorism as they had never done before, and while Israel could demand they do more, it could not be denied that they are fighting terrorism, raiding mosques, replacing imams and killing and wounding terrorists.

Meanwhile, the army has allowed Arab laborers with work permits to return to their jobs in Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria and parts of the Jordan Valley, the IDF spokesman announced yesterday.

"The IDF stresses that Palestinians will still not be allowed into the boundaries of the state," the statement said.

The steps aimed at easing the economic pressures on the Palestinians in Judea and Samaria came following Friday's partial demolition of the house of the family of Majdi Abu Wardah, the suicide bomber who blew himself up on Jerusalem's No. 18 bus February 25, killing 25 people.

The house was in the middle of the Al Fawar refugee camp near Hebron and the army used a series of small explosions to minimize damage to neighboring homes, the army said.

As a result of the explosion, light damage was caused to three windows in a nearby house, which the IDF will repair in the coming days, the army said.

The army destroyed just two rooms of the house and left the kitchen and bathroom intact. It also reportedly left standing a small office belonging to the United Nations Relief and Welfare Agency which had been connected to the structure.

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A huge crowd packs a street in Taipei to celebrate President Lee Teng-hui's landslide victory in yesterday's first-ever democratic presidential election in Taiwan. Story, Page 3.

## Peres assails Iran, hints at restraint in Lebanon

DAVID RUDGE and agencies

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres, assailing Iran for backing guerrilla attacks in Lebanon, has signaled that Israel might refrain from launching a retaliatory assault for Hizbullah's latest suicide bombing.

"This depends on the actions of Hizbullah," Peres said, when asked if he saw any alternative to an Israeli military reprisal in Lebanon. "I must act with maximal deliberation."

"As for Iran, we know that this is a government of murder and terror. We know the Iranians are using every possible route, including diplomatic mail, to smuggle arms and explosives."

"We know that Iran applies pressure to strike at targets in Israel, and at Jewish and Israeli targets abroad."

Despite continued US efforts to bring calm to the region, Hizbullah gunmen fired several mortar rounds yesterday at an IDF position in the eastern sector of the security zone.

There were no casualties in the long-range Hizbullah attack on the Dabsha post. IDF gunners returned fire in the incident, which in the normal course of events would have

present concrete solutions to the shortage of bomb shelters and security rooms and other matters affecting the daily lives of residents.

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## US: Syria must move against terror before talks resume

### Anti-terror conference followup in DC this week.

HILLEL KUTTLER WASHINGTON

SYRIA must take steps to curb terrorist activity in southern Lebanon in order for peace negotiations with Israel to resume, senior Clinton administration officials said Friday.

They did not dismiss the possibility of talks resuming before the Israeli elections in late May, although such prospects are highly unlikely.

The "context" for enabling Israel to continue in the talks has been "made difficult" by Syria's silence in the aftermath of the recent bombings, and its non-participation in the Sharm e-Sheikh anti-terrorism summit, one official said.

"I think the Syrians are going to have to do something for things to get started," he said. "An explicit condemnation of terrorism would be extremely important. I think actions against terrorist groups would be important. All would have a significant and positive effect," but he added that it is uncertain "whether this is enough to bring about resuming talks."

A second official called the situation in the security zone over the last week "grim," and said that the US does not yet know whether its entreaties to Syrian President Hafez Assad will succeed in reducing the tension there.

The Syrians "have their ways" to de-escalate the tension in the zone, but "it's a question of whether they're ready to pursue those ways," he said.

Meanwhile, the US expects each of the countries represented

at Sharm e-Sheikh to attend the follow-up counter-terrorism meetings at the State Department on Thursday and Friday.

The event is to be chaired by Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs Robert Pelletreau and coordinator for counter-terrorism Philip Wilcox. Secretary of State Warren Christopher is to open the proceedings, with officials from participating countries also addressing the forum. US State and Justice Department officials will participate, including FBI agents.

The first US official said that "in an attempt to concretize the things that were discussed" at Sharm e-Sheikh, the forum of security specialists will break up into four working groups: stemming the flow of funds to terrorist groups; tightening border crossings; intelligence exchange; and law enforcement measures that will likely discuss counter-terrorism training methods.

It is hoped that the meetings will produce a working summary to be transmitted back to each capital in preparation for the convening in Washington of foreign ministers in mid-April.

"This is the first step in a process that ultimately will have to be endorsed at a political level," the official said.

An Israeli Embassy official said Jerusalem would be represented by the prime minister's counter-terrorism adviser, Brig.-Gen. Yigal Pressler, and deputy Foreign Ministry director-general Yoav Biran.

## Meretz holding primaries today Labor goes to polls tomorrow

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

MERETZ'S 41,000 members will vote today for their Knesset candidates in primary elections at 205 polls throughout the country, starting at 4 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Some 30 candidates are contending for Meretz's Knesset list - 15 in the Citizens Rights Movement, 10 in Mapam and five in Shinui.

Meretz is the only party which gave its primary candidates a campaign grant and restricted them to a minimal election expenditure, in order to give them all an equal opportunity.

In addition, "the smaller the spending, the less chance of corruption," Meretz Knesset Faction Chairman Ran Cohen said.

Each new candidate could

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spend NIS 40,000, of which NIS 25,000 was the party's grant. Those who already served one Knesset term could spend NIS 20,000, of which NIS 15,000 was a party grant, and veteran MKs were only allowed to spend NIS-15,000, NIS-5,000 of which was granted by the party.

Each voter will be asked to grade the candidates in each of the three lists which together make up Meretz. The voters will grade nine out of the 15 CRM candidates, six out of Mapam's 10 candidates and three out of Shinui's five.

The final list will be put together as follows: No. 1: Meretz Chairman Yossi Sarid; No. 2: the

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Mapam candidate who finishes first in Mapam's primaries (probably MK Haim Oron); No. 3: the Shinui candidate who finishes first (probably Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein); No. 4: the CRM candidate who finishes first on this list (MK Ran Cohen or MK Dedi Zucker); No. 5: the CRM candidate who finishes second; No. 6: Mapam's representative who finishes second in Mapam's primaries; No. 7: Shinui's candidate who takes second place in the primaries; No. 8: the CRM candidate who finishes third in CRM primaries; No. 9: the Mapam candidate who finishes third in the Mapam primaries; and No. 10: the CRM candidate who finishes fourth in the CRM primaries.

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SOME 285,000 Labor Party members will vote for their party's Knesset candidates in primary elections tomorrow, at 1,200 polling stations in 800 sites across the country.

A total of 186 candidates are competing - 56 for the 15 to 16 realistic slots (up to slot 46) on the national list, and 130 for the 23 realistic places in 11 regions.

Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvili said on Friday that the party's new Knesset list is expected to feature at least 10 new faces, mainly from the regional list, and at least six women up to slot 44, compared with four on the previous list.

Slot 29 is reserved for a new immigrant. Thousands of volunteers will serve as observers, supervisors and security guards, in addition to 400 paid guards.

It is estimated that Labor will end up spending some NIS 7 million on the primaries - from the membership poll through tomorrow's elections.

Zvili urged the IDF to enable soldiers to vote

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tomorrow. The IDF announced last week that it will not allow thousands of soldiers who are party members to participate because procedures for them to cast ballots anonymously were not arranged.

The party put a ceiling on how much candidates could spend on their campaigns: NIS 150,000 for those competing on the regional lists, and NIS 250,000 for national list candidates.

The candidates have spent an estimated NIS 25 to NIS 30 million on their campaigns.

The polling booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in more populated regions, and 8 p.m. in smaller areas.

The largest polling site will be Holon's sports stadium, which will have 35 booths for some 10,000 voters.

Voters will be presented with two lists, a national one and a regional one. Each voter will be asked to mark 11 to 15 names on the regional list and two on the regional one, except the Druze list, on which only one name should be marked.

## Wanted by the IDF - a few sticks of dynamite lying around the house

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

DOZENS of kilos of TNT, assault rifles and thousands of IDF uniforms are among some of the equipment returned by the public during the army's month-long amnesty campaign which ends this week.

The campaign is the first in five years, and the army expects to get hold of millions of shekels worth of equipment that has "disappeared."

"We believe that the public has some of this equipment that can't be accounted for," said Brig.-Gen. David Binyamini, head of the Logistics Division of the Technology and Logistics Branch.

"We are in a country where the people are an integral part of the army, and the opposite," Binyamini told *The Jerusalem Post*. "Every year tens of thousands of people come into contact with a lot of equipment and a lot of it has disappeared."

Every few years the IDF allows citizens to return any equipment they have, no questions asked and without prose-

cution. In the past three weeks, Binyamini said, the public has brought in sleeping bags, fatigues, ammunition clips and thousands of rounds of bullets.

"They have also brought in lots of demolition explosives, including dozens of kilos of TNT, detonators and fuses. Also we have received numerous weapons ranging from Kalashnikovs, M-16s and even a dated Karl Gustav sub-machine gun," Binyamini said.

Binyamini said the list included hundreds of items ranging from the obvious to the bizarre.

"Someone even brought back a mess tin. What he wanted a mess tin for I don't know," Binyamini said.

Binyamini said the value of the equipment returned was negligible compared to the enormous IDF budget. But he said the army was also keen on getting ammunition and explosives out of the public's hands.

"When a man keeps this at

home, anyone can get to it. Kids can play with it and naturally, if someone knows it's there, it can be stolen," he said.

Binyamini acknowledged that holding the amnesty month did little to deter someone from "borrowing" army material. But he said the IDF decided on carrying out the operation after calculating the amount of "missing" property was immense and probably needed to be rounded up.

"Secondly, we wanted to give people who acted against the law a chance to return it," he said.

Starting in April, the IDF in conjunction with the police will launch a campaign to retrieve stolen army equipment and prosecute those caught with anything with the IDF stamp on it.

"We won't search inside people's homes - we are not a police state," Binyamini said, adding that people would probably be

checked on hikes and at camp sites where lots of sleeping bags and blankets were likely to be found.

Binyamini was particularly incensed with the thefts of Hermoniot (thermal body suits),

which he says he often sees on motorbike riders.

"We will buy more, but it really makes me angry to see young guys using winter equipment our soldiers need up in Lebanon and the Golan, with

"IDF" still printed on the back. They could have at least erased it," he said.

So far, no one has returned any vehicles or heavy weapons, as was done in previous amnesties, he said.

**GOVERNMENT OFFICES ON VACATION**

Most government offices will be closed during *Hol Hamo'ed Pessah* from Wednesday, April 3 to Wednesday, April 10, inclusive.

Aside from emergency assistance, no services will be provided. Before Pessah, a list of the offices and departments that will be closed will be published as well as information on the emergency services available to the public.

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# Police block conference in east Jerusalem

POLICE prevented a conference in eastern Jerusalem slated to include Palestinian Authority figures from taking place on Friday, the second time in recent weeks an apparent independently organized Palestinian gathering was forbidden in the city because of participants' connections with the PA.

Organizers with the Alternative Information Center, an eastern Jerusalem-based Palestinian public interest group, criticized the police move, and vowed to try to hold the conference at a later date.

"The Alternative Information Center has been organizing events in Jerusalem for over 10 years, and never before has the police tried to prevent us [from holding them]," said organization director Michael Warschawski.

"What the police are doing is a joke. There is simply no justification for it," Warschawski said.

The conference, entitled "Palestinian Jerusalem on the Eve of the Final Status Negotiations," was scheduled to take place at the Ambassador Hotel.

Participants were to include PA council members in the city,

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Faisal Husseini, and other senior PLO and PA figures.

Palestinian intellectuals and Israeli peace activists were also expected to attend.

But police and Border Police set up roadblocks to prevent participants from reaching the hotel, and also set up roadblocks by the nearby Orient House, believing organizers would try to move the event there.

Police were acting on an order signed several days earlier by Internal Security Minister Moshe

Shahal forbidding the conference.

The order was based on the Interim Agreement Law that forbids PA activity in Jerusalem.

Using a similar order, Shahal prevented PA figures from holding a news conference at Orient House, the PLO headquarters in Jerusalem, about two weeks ago.

Warschawski charged police had acted in bad faith by only informing him of the order the morning of the conference.

This left him no time to even inform participants of the cancellation, he said.

In a news release, the Alternative Information Center stated that among the participants who were turned away at the Border Police roadblocks were internationally known Palestinian intellectual Dr. Edward Said, and Dr. Khalil Nahleh, a local representative of the European Community.

"The AIC wished to emphasize that all the claims of the involvement of the PA in the organization of the conference are false," the news release said.

It added that the AIC would sue for financial damages.

# Three arrested for plotting anti-Israeli attacks in Jordan

AMMAN (AP) - Authorities have arrested three Jordanians suspected of plotting attacks on Israeli tourists visiting the Arab kingdom, a cabinet official said yesterday.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, he said the three were being interrogated on suspicion of "plotting attacks on Israeli tourist buses to undermine Jordan's security and torpedo the peace process." He declined to give details.

News of their arrest came three days after Prime Minister Abdulkarim Kabariti said 20 Moslem militants were detained for allegedly plotting to attack Jordanian politicians and destabilize the

kingdom.

It was not immediately clear if the two cases were related.

Security sources, also insisting on anonymity, said the three were apprehended last month and that they were natives of the northwestern city of Ajloun.

"They possessed anti-tank artillery which are similar to land mines implanted by the Jordanian army along the Israeli frontier about 30 years ago," said one source.

The three also possessed automatic machine guns and explosives similar to that used by "Palestinian suicide bombers against Israel recently," the security source added.

# World Bank: Water shortage in Mideast nears 'crisis levels'

HILLEL KUTTLER WASHINGTON

THE Middle East's shortage of fresh water is approaching "crisis levels" and countries must look beyond political borders to seek common solutions, a new report by the World Bank concludes.

The situation in Gaza alone is "more acute than anywhere else in the world," the report's author, the World Bank director of agriculture and water resources management John Hayward said last week.

Gaza residents each have access to 15 gallons of water per day, "a very, very different" situation from the West Bank, where the figure is 40 gallons per person per day, he said.

The report, "Averting a Water Crisis in the Middle East and North Africa," was prepared to address a vital issue but is not meant to interfere with the Israeli-Palestinian and Israeli-Syrian negotiations that include water rights, Hayward stated.

The World Bank is alarmed that the region has seen "a very marked downturn" in its growth potential, he said.

"One of the factors affecting that downturn which we believe will have an effect in the future is the scarcity of water. The situation is becoming worse by the day."

Cutting water subsidies, promoting conservation and increasing agricultural irrigation are among the long-term solutions to the crisis the 32-page report states.



Thousands of motorcyclists protest Friday at Rabin Square in Tel Aviv against the government's plans to raise insurance premiums for two-wheeled vehicles by 100% to 300%. Four motorcyclists were arrested for trying to block intersections on Dizengoff Street. (Uta Ozendivich/Israel Star)

# 250 medical personnel from territories will return to J'lem hospitals

EVELYN GORDON

SOME 250 medical personnel from the territories will be allowed to return to their jobs in east Jerusalem hospitals within the next few days, the state promised the High Court of Justice at the end of the week.

Meanwhile, the court issued a show-cause order giving the state 45 days to explain its general failure to ensure that essential Arab medical personnel reach these hospitals even during a closure.

Both developments were in response to a petition by Mokassed Hospital, the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, and Physicians for Human Rights. According to the petition, all four of east Jerusalem's Arab hospitals have been virtually shut down by the closure because most of the hospital personnel have not been allowed to come to work.

At Mokassed, for instance, about 65 percent of the hospital's 680 workers live in the territories and have not been able to come to work for the last three weeks because of the closure.

In addition, ACR's attorney Eliahu Abram said, certain key slots have gone completely un-

filled because of the closure. All of Mokassed's surgeons and internal medicine specialists, for instance, have been kept out.

Abram said the hospital's immediate problem would be solved by the state's promise to let another 250 staffers start coming to work. However, he said, this is a problem that recurs every time there is a closure: for the first few weeks, no medical staff are allowed in and the hospital's 200 patients suffer.

Justices Gavriel Bach, Dalia Dorner, and Yitzhak Zamir said it would be impossible to grant exceptions to the closure to a few hundred people, since a few people who pose security risks could easily slip into a group this large. However, they agreed that some permanent arrangement should be made for a couple of dozen essential personnel so that the court would not have to intervene every time there is a closure.

Therefore, the judges issued the show-cause order, suggesting that the state use the 45 days to come up with a proposal which would meet the hospitals' medical needs without affecting security.

# PA Police arrest senior member of new Islamic party

News agencies

PALESTINIAN Police arrested a Hamas activist who is also a leading figure in the newly-established Islamic political party, the Nahal's wife said yesterday.

Fuad Nahal, deputy chairman of the newly established Islamic National Salvation Party, was apprehended in his home by Palestinian intelligence forces, according to his wife.

Nahal, a father of five, was taken by forces of Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority late Friday night from his home in the southern town of Rafah in the Gaza Strip. His wife said no reason was given for the arrest.

Palestinian police confirmed the arrest.

Fikri Abdel-Latif, spokesman for the National Salvation Party, said he and Nahal and several other party leaders met with Arafat earlier Friday, in what he described as "a fruitful and warm meeting." He said he did not know why Nahal had been arrested.

"The security people came and searched everything, even the furniture," said Nahal's brother, Mohammed Nahal.

"His wife told them that he was with Arafat and they waited and ambushed him outside his home at 2:00 a.m.," he said.

The INSP was established in self-ruled Gaza on Thursday by Hamas activists.

# Hamas raps planned expulsions

HAMAS called on human rights groups yesterday to prevent Israel from carrying out plans to expel Palestinians linked to Moslem militant groups that have killed 58 people in four suicide bombings.

"We implore (human rights groups) to intervene immediately to prevent a repetition of the policy of forced emigration executed by Israeli occupation authorities," said Hamas in a statement faxed to news agencies.

Last week Prime Minister Shi-

mon Peres said plans for expulsions were underway, but declined to say how many people would be expelled or how soon.

Hamas has already urged Arab states not to admit anyone Israel might expel. "Expulsion is one of the most dangerous violations of human rights, and the most hostile against political rights, namely one's right to live on one's land," the Hamas statement said.

It said the expulsions should be prevented "regardless of their justifications." (Reuters)

# Poll: Voters think Peres better for economy

VOTERS think Prime Minister Shimon Peres would handle the economy better than Likud party leader Benjamin Netanyahu, a poll published on Friday showed.

Peres also maintained a slight lead over Netanyahu in polls asking for whom those polled would vote in national elections due on May 29.

Peres lost his comfortable lead over Netanyahu after a wave of Islamic suicide bomb attacks that killed 58 people here in nine days starting on February 25.

He regained a slight advantage last week.

A Smith Research Center poll in *Globes* financial newspaper asking whose government would

deal with Israel's economic problems best found 39 percent thought a Peres-led administration would do very much better or better versus 24 percent who thought Netanyahu would do very much better or better.

A total of 16 percent thought the two would perform equally and 21 percent had no opinion.

The poll questioned 505 Israeli Jews and had a 4.4 percent margin of error.

A Gallup poll in *Ma'ariv* found 49 percent would vote for Peres versus 43 percent for Netanyahu. Eight percent had yet to decide.

Last week Gallup found 44 percent for Peres versus 41 percent for Netanyahu.

Gallup said it questioned 580 Israelis and its survey had a four percent margin of error.

A Dahaf poll in *Yediot Aharanot* gave Peres 49 percent of the vote compared to 47 percent for Netanyahu. Four percent had yet to decide or did not answer. Last week Dahaf found 50 percent for Peres and 47 percent for Netanyahu.

Dahaf's survey of 513 Israelis had a four percent margin of error.

Dahaf found in the parliamentary elections that Labor would get 43 Knesset seats versus 44 for the Likud-Tsomet-Gesher alliance. Gallup said Labor would take 44 seats versus 40 for the Likud-led group. (Reuters)

# EC food aid for West Bank, Gaza

The European Commission has approved food aid for the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. A grant from the European Community Humanitarian Office will be used to purchase 750 tons of wheat meal, worth some \$364,000, and other basic foodstuffs. The wheat will be taken from UNRWA stocks. The EC also decided to grant \$611,000 to the World Food Program to import other basic foodstuffs such as rice, sugar and additional wheat flour. The decision was relayed to Prime Minister Shimon Peres in a letter from the president of the EC, Jacques Santer.

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# HEBRON

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A curfew was temporarily placed on the camp after residents started to riot and stone soldiers.

The demolition is the seventh since the government reinstated the punishment which had been used during the intifada, but ceased in 1993.

Also Friday, the army continued its sweep of Hamas activists, arresting three suspects in the Hebron area, the army said.

Palestinian officials warned yesterday that the demolitions and the continued curfew is posing a real threat to the peace process.

"The peace process is slipping through our fingers," said Saeb

Erakat, a member of Yasser Arafat's acting government, following its weekly meeting.

Arafat, meanwhile, briefed his cabinet on the Palestinian Authority's crackdown on extremists.

He said the investigation has uncovered plans by Hamas to establish secret groups inside the West Bank and Gaza which would "escalate violence in Palestinian streets" in order to undermine Arafat's authority, according to a statement issued from his office following the meeting.

"Mr. Peres declared war on terrorism, but in practice he has launched this war against the Palestinian people," Erakat said.

# South Lebanese woman lives in fear of Hizbullah, Syrians

DAVID RUDGE

The IDF's presence in the security zone and the safety of soldiers there is dependent to a great extent on the goodwill of local residents - based on the harmonious relations that have been painstakingly established over the years. A woman resident of the zone describes the present situation: the atmosphere among the local population, their hopes and fears at such a sensitive time in the turbulent region

THERE was a time when the young Lebanese woman would have been proud to have her name appear in an Israeli newspaper. Now she is scared to be identified as being associated with the state that Hizbullah and its Iranian mentors have termed "The Zionist Enemy." "The Can-

cer of the Middle East," or "the Little Devil of the Big Satan of America."

She still works in Israel, as she has done for several years. She enjoys her work, and that she is able to help support her family, which lives in a Moslem village inside the security zone.

She views Israelis, especially her employers and those with whom she comes in contact, as friends. She is frightened of Hizbullah and the Syrians, who she says rule the roost in the rest of Lebanon, and is intimidated by the forces they represent.

The young woman, whose condition for the interview was not to print her name or age, the name of her village or the place in which she works, is afraid of what the future holds. She is not alone.

According to her own testimony, the vast majority of the nearly 200,000 residents of the security zone, if not all, share the same concern.

Their fears have been exacerbated by incessant Hizbullah attacks on the South Lebanese Army, the unremitting psychological warfare of the extremist Shi'ite organization, and recent legal measures taken by the Syrian-backed government of Lebanon against SLA soldiers and their commanders.

"For families who have a soldier in the SLA it is very difficult. When their son goes out on duty - it might be for a few days, a week, or a fortnight - they don't know if he is going to come back safely," said the woman.

would be peace and quiet.

"That is what we want. Quiet and peace. Since I was born, I have never known a period of real peace and quiet - only war, battles, death and destruction and people afraid of one another."

According to the woman, the situation has worsened in the past few months. Hizbullah has escalated its attacks, and has also been infiltrating the zone and recruiting collaborators among some residents of the zone.

"We have heard, at least that's my understanding, that people from Hizbullah have come to the homes of some people and offered them money in return for information or for keeping somebody hidden in their home."

"This is something new and it's not very good. Somebody is getting a hundred dollars or more so that he will live, but somebody else will die. What kind of situation is that?"

"It wasn't like that before, but now people are worried. They are afraid of what might happen to them now and in the future."

"There is a woman, for instance, whom I know, who used to work at a factory in Israel. She was sick and went to a Beirut for treatment. There she was interro-

gated by people from Hizbullah.

"They didn't want her to be treated at first because she was on the list of people who work in Israel. She told them she that if she didn't work in Israel she would die of starvation because there is nowhere else to earn money to live."

"Eventually, she was treated but she was also warned not to go back to work in Israel because if she did they would get her. Now she sits at home, afraid to go to Beirut and afraid to work in Israel."

"We have also heard about other people who have run into similar problems, not just with the Hizbullah but with the Syrians who are in control in Beirut. I don't know what they want from us."

"We want peace, but we also want guaranteed security in the event of peace. We are scared, all of us: those who work in the SLA, those who work in Israel, business people, and even truck drivers who bring things back and forth."

"We don't know what will happen to us if Israel withdraws in the event of peace. We want to be sure that Hizbullah and the Syrians won't come here and take revenge on us," she added.

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### Sabbath Patterns in Jewish History

Computer studies over 25 years have demonstrated a precisely accurate Tanakh. Also, dozens of Sabbath patterns were found between events in ancient and modern Israel. Here are just two examples:

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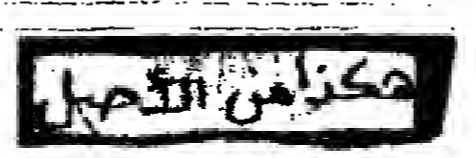
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# Russia, Belarus announce union plan

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russia and Belarus announced plans yesterday to form a union of their two Slav states, the most decisive step towards integration between two former Soviet republics since the superpower collapsed in 1991.

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko said the union, likely to be signed on April 2, would be led by a Supreme Council with "very wide powers" comprising presidents, prime ministers and heads of parliaments.

"On the second (of April), a Belarus-Russia treaty will be signed creating a unified state, with each country fully retaining its sovereignty," Lukashenko told reporters in comments broadcast by Russian television.

"For 18 months to two years, I believe we will need a transition period. Over this period, all problems will be resolved, including possibly a joint constitution."

Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, quoted by Interfax news agency, said the new union would be open to all members of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

"We hope that others will join as well," he said.

Both leaders said their countries would stay sovereign, and it

was not clear how complete the merger would be or whether it could work. Chernomyrdin said a final decision should be taken by the people of Russia and Belarus.

"But I am for the union. I like this word," he said.

Belarus, a country of 10 million people bordering Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Latvia and Lithuania, has had problems finding a post-Soviet identity after centuries of influence from Moscow.

Previous attempts to merge the economies of the two states have foundered on Belarus's insistence on maintaining an independent central bank, which could conduct a different monetary policy from that in Russia. Russia has also been reluctant to subsidize Belarusian energy imports.

Lukashenko said the draft accord had been approved during talks with Chernomyrdin and Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

He said the two states would have a common budget for some joint programs and an inter-parliamentary congress in which they would be equally represented. A joint currency was possible, although this could take years.

Yeltsin's spokesman Sergei Medvedev said the union would not lead to a single country.



Jubilant President Lee Teng-hui waves to supporters outside his campaign headquarters in Taipei after hearing of his landslide victory in the Taiwanese presidential elections yesterday. (Reuters)

# Lee sweeps to victory in Taiwan

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But Taiwan's Economics Minister Chiang Pin-kung said yesterday that now that the presidential elections were over, Taiwan should look for ways to ease tensions with China.

"How to ease cross-strait tensions and rebuild the good base for interaction between the two sides should be the main issue after the elections," he said.

Voters interviewed at random yesterday were split, some saying China weighed heavily on their decision while others said domestic issues were paramount.

Maying H. Yang, a senior aide to Peng, said she believed the China tensions helped Lee.

"The China threat made Lee Teng-hui very popular because he spoke back in very strong language," she said. "People supported him because he was under attack from China."

As celebratory fireworks crackled over Taipei, Lee appeared before 10,000 cheering supporters and thanked them in short, measured phrases.

Taiwanese had voted "under threat and intimidation," he said, but had "used their ballots to express their true love of this land."

"This is the most precious moment in our

history."

Lee made no mention of how he will tackle the biggest crisis facing Taiwan: resolving a war of nerves with China that has shaken Asia, rattled Taiwan's economy and brought a US naval armada into the region to deter a Chinese invasion of Taiwan.

China made no immediate comment on the result, and its state-run media did not mention the election. But a commentary in yesterday's *People's Daily* again denounced Lee, calling him a "splittist" of the motherland, a trickster in league with the United States, and a man whose policies "have pushed Taiwan's people toward the abyss of catastrophe."

But as the 73-year-old president sipped champagne with smiling aides, his triumph seemed complete. He had crushed his opponents on both flanks - Peng, who advocated outright independence for Taiwan, as well as two defectors from Lee's Nationalist Party who ran independently, advocating a more conciliatory China line.

Lin Yang-kang won 15 percent of the vote, and Chen Li-an 10 percent.

Lee had 5,793 million votes, Peng 2,270 million, Lin 1,598 million and Chen 1,070 million.

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# Princess Diana in car crash

LONDON (Reuters) - Princess Diana flew off for a Caribbean holiday with her sons yesterday after being badly shaken in a multiple car crash.

"She has left on holiday and she is fine," her spokeswoman said after Diana left for the sunbath island of Barbuda with Princes William and Harry.

She was at the wheel of a borrowed car and apparently traveling without any police escort when involved in a five car pile-up in central London on Friday night.

Her crash when alone at the wheel sparked police concern as security has been stepped up around Britain's Royal Family since the IRA last month ended its 17-month ceasefire and resumed its London bombing campaign.

A spokeswoman for the princess said: "She was shaken but no ambulance was called and she did not need hospital treatment. She was returning to Kensington palace after visiting a friend. She was alone in the car."

Diana had borrowed the BMW after her own was involved in a crash. Malaysian businessman Marzuki Zain, owner of the Porsche involved in the pile-up, said: "I am absolutely horrified. I left the car to be parked by the guy at the door. It was brand new but now it's a write-off."

herself before getting out of the shattered car.

Police said the crash occurred when a London casino doorman was trying to park a Porsche sports car. As vehicles maneuvered, two other cars were propelled across the road into the path of a Mercedes and Diana's BMW.

A driver who narrowly avoided being hit in the crash said: "As she got out of the car she just looked stunned." The door and front wing of Diana's car were smashed.

"She was ashen-faced and just looked around her. She sat in the car for two minutes before trying to get out. No one seemed to be helping her," the driver told the tabloid *Sun* newspaper.

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# IRA supporters gather to debate peace process

DUBLIN (AP) - Irish Republican Army supporters gathered here yesterday to debate how to reclaim the ground lost when the IRA went back to bombing.

There was no sign of dissension at the annual conference of the Sinn Fein party regarding the IRA's tactics, and one speaker after another accused British Prime Minister John Major of frittering away opportunities during the 17-month cease-fire.

The IRA called off the cease-fire on Feb. 9, killing two people with a bomb in the Canary Wharf business area in east London.

"The Irish Republic Army has accepted its responsibility for Canary Wharf and the other London bombs. But the chief responsibility for the destruction of the peace process lies fairly and squarely at the door of John Major," said Martin McGuinness, the party's second ranking leader.

Jim Ginney, a member of Sinn Fein's executive committee, said the party had found no willing partners. He said it faced "a hos-

tile British government, an uncertain Irish government ... and a cautious US administration."

The party conference, a theater in Dublin, took place at a critical juncture in Northern Ireland's misfiring search for peace.

Major on Thursday announced the details of May 30 elections in Northern Ireland, a process to precede long-delayed negotiations. Sinn Fein can't enter those negotiations unless the IRA formally restores its cease-fire, Major said.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, who seeks a negotiated settlement in the British-ruled province, says Britain should place no conditions on his party's involvement.

Sinn Fein opposes elections before negotiations, and considers Major's plan a stalling tactic. But Adams has not said whether his party will run in the election, which leaders of the province's British Protestant majority insist on to show that each faction has a public "mandate."

The election plan was a complex combination of competing proposals put forward by Northern Ireland parties, and succeeded in irritating all of them. But no one has said they would avoid campaigning.

Sinn Fein has received 11 percent of the Northern Ireland vote, exclusively from Catholic areas, since deciding to run in the province's local, national and European elections in 1983. But it gets less than 2 percent in the Irish Republic because of public abhorrence of IRA violence.

The party may get comparatively few votes, but is a central player because of its influence with the IRA. Tom Hartley, a former chairman of Sinn Fein, said the insecurity of the Protestant "unionist" majority also hampered peace moves.

The unionist community's "core view is of defending itself from the enemy within and without. They now believe the British government is in the last stage of selling them out, they see themselves as powerless in the face of a strong nationalist agenda."

# Perot seen retracing 1992 steps

WASHINGTON (AP) - Texas billionaire Ross Perot sought to dampen speculation about his political plans for 1996, insisting that his new Reform Party was not about his personal ambition.

"We don't in any way want this to be focused on any individual, and certainly not me," Perot said on CNN's "Larry King Live."

But four years after he turned the presidential race upside down, Perot appeared to be retracing his steps with a blitz of media interviews and speeches across the country in recent days.

And he couldn't help looking like a candidate by returning to King's show, where he first announced he would seek the presidency in 1992. Never mind his insistence "this is not about me."

After a wide-ranging interview, the irony wasn't lost on King: "I'll say this on a personal note," the host said, "if it ain't about you, this hour was about something."

Throughout the session Perot sought, in his inimitable way, to steer the talk to the government's failure to eliminate the federal deficit or reform major entitlement programs, such as Medicaid health insurance and welfare.

"We're like a person that's bleeding arterially," he said. "We've got to stop the bleeding."

He said the Reform Party would seek written commitments from the candidates it endorses that they will address Reform Party concerns and not engage in negative campaigning.

Perot vowed a "massive fundraising" effort prior to the Reform Party's nomination of a presidential candidate in September and predicted that politicians would flock to its ranks once it wielded the clout of independent voters.

"The nation will be shocked how many people will leave the two existing parties to join the Reform Party," he said.

Again, Perot said he would prefer to see Democrats and Republicans fix entitlement programs and eliminate the budget deficit on their own.

But as hard as he tried to distance himself from the upcoming race, his syntax occasionally gave him away. Asked whether he would respond to negative campaigning by opponents with attacks of his own, Perot responded declaratively: "I didn't last time, and I won't this time."

# Kato believes Simpson did it

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Brian "Kato" Kaelin finally admitted Friday what he wouldn't say during O.J. Simpson's criminal trial: "I do believe that he had murdered Nicole."

Simpson was acquitted last October of the murder of Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ronald Goldman. Kaelin has equivocated in court and with the media over what he thought really happened.

Kaelin, who was Simpson's houseguest at the time of the slayings, finally let his feelings show during an interview with talk show host Geraldo Rivera on CNBC's "Rivera Live."

"Do you think O.J. Simpson murdered Nicole?" Rivera asked at first. "It's a very tough question," Kaelin replied, before finally answering after some pressing by Rivera.

Kaelin, an aspiring actor, said giving a deposition for the civil case against Simpson and "seeing

the things that now I'm aware of" convinced him.

Kaelin's comments to Rivera went further than his deposition last month to lawyers pursuing wrongful death lawsuits against Simpson. He said then that he had wondered the day after the murders if Simpson was responsible.

"I thought it was possible that something - O.J. could have done something," Kaelin said.

"You mean like murdered his wife?" plaintiff lawyer Daniel Petrocelli asked.

"Possible," Kaelin said. "I mean, it crossed my mind. ... I just was thinking about the events of everything and going, why did I hear that (thumps)? ... I was just trying to figure it out. I was going, 'No, it can't be,' and just all that stuff was adding up."

# Benin election vigil drags on

COTONOU (Reuters) - Benin's long wait for the result of its second multi-party presidential election dragged into a fifth day but tension seemed to be easing in the West African nation.

The constitutional court, which will announce the result as guardian of electoral independence, spent a second night sifting through votes to see whether President Nicéphore Soglo, 61, or ex-Marxist military ruler Mathieu Kerekou, 62, had won.

But the release on Friday of Maurice Bankole, detained deputy head of the national statistics institute which issued unofficial results showing a Kerekou victory, suggested compromise. The state prosecutor ordered the release.

Soglo himself, whose camp has cried foul and claimed victory, said he believed a slide into bloodshed and disorder would be avoided.

"People hope that our country will slide towards a takeover by force, a bloodbath, a civil war. I think we will avoid that," he added while visiting a constitutional court judge's home which had been sprayed with machine-gun fire overnight.

Benin, which became independent from France in 1960, was one of the first nations in West Africa to dismantle the one-party state after the 1989 collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe.

Outsiders see the former French colony, which is the ancestral home of Vodou, as a barometer of democracy in Africa.

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# British 'mad cow' crisis worsens

LONDON (AP) - Fear of "mad cow disease" has hit the British beef market hard, and shoppers around the country faced difficult decisions at meat counters this weekend.

The opposition Labor party accused the government yesterday of bungling in dealing with the disease, formally known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), which broke out in British herds a decade ago.

The government announced Wednesday that scientists believe BSE was the "most likely" source of a similar disease which struck 10 young Britons. At least eight have died.

Governments in Europe, Asia and Africa banned the import of British beef.

At a Tesco supermarket in central London, most of the steaks, roasts and hamburger were marked down to half price by noon.

"Normally on a Saturday we don't reduce products until five o'clock. Because of this problem, we have already reduced all beef that's approaching its sell-by date. It's just not selling," said Kumeria Silva, a Tesco employee.

Maria Fernandez, a visitor from Portugal who was shopping in the store, said she was looking hard "to see if we can actually see what's wrong with the beef."

"Some of it looks a bit brown, but the rest looks OK. Still, there's no way I'd buy any - not after what I've seen on television," said Aida Farrow of London.

The opposition Labor Party accused the government of bungling. "We have had 10 years of warnings voices on BSE, but the government's reaction has been a mixture of foot-dragging, ducking the truth and hiding behind official advisers," John Prescott, the party's deputy leader, said at a meeting in northern England.

In 1989, Britain banned the practice of enriching cattle feed with sheep byproducts. Sheep are prone to a brain disease called scrapie, which may be the source of the cattle problem.

The World Health Organization said Friday in Geneva said it was likely these newly disclosed cases were caused before reforms were made in 1989.

Those who sell organic meats and novelty meats such as ostrich and alligator - at a much higher price than standard supermarket beef - had more reason to be optimistic that did butchers and burger chains.

Bryan Stocks, produce manager at the Ostrich Farming Corp., predicted sales will rise, although he personally did not understand the fuss over beef.

"I'm probably more likely to get but falling out of my chair in my office," Stocks said.

# Cattle slaughter may not solve EU 'mad cow' crisis

A call by European vets to slaughter all cattle exposed to the risk of "mad cow" disease may fail to satisfy Britain's worried European Union partners and continental consumers.

Some EU countries have banned British beef but London is resisting pressure to slaughter older cattle in a bid to wipe out the disease.

Ten EU states announced bans on British beef imports as a precaution after fresh British evidence this week about a possible link between a human complaint and "mad cow" disease created a consumer frenzy.

Veterinary experts from across Europe on Friday recommended stricter controls, notably elimination from the food chain of all endangered cattle, to

tackle a crisis over mad cow disease.

But the EU committee of independent experts offered beleaguered British farmers and butchers some comfort by stating that at present there was no proof that the disease - Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) - could spread to humans and held back from seeking a ban on British beef exports.

Britain has slaughtered more than 150,000 cattle since the disease was first reported 10 years ago.

Nearly all the 12,000 cases of BSE reported in the EU last year were in Britain.

Most of Britain's EU partners have already banned imports of British beef because of fears of a link between so-called "mad cow" disease and its fatal

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human equivalent.

Five German states stopped importing British beef last month. The federal government in Bonn announced a ban on Friday on British beef shipments.

"These national measures are essential because German consumers must be certain they are not taking a risk by eating beef," Agriculture Minister Jochen Borchert said.

Bonn has drafted a package of proposals to put to tomorrow's emergency meeting of EU senior veterinary officials which will consider the experts' advice.

France, Britain's main export market, on Thursday banned imports of British beef and live cattle until further notice.

Agriculture Minister Philippe Vasseur took the action "to provide all necessary guarantees to French consumers pending complete results of European Union scientific experts on this case," the ministry said in a statement.

In contrast to Britain, where prices have dropped sharply as shoppers shunned beef, French meat prices rose on guaranteed quality and local origin.

British Agriculture Minister Douglas Hogg yesterday resisted any immediate slaughter of hundreds of thousands of older cattle in Britain's 11-million herd.

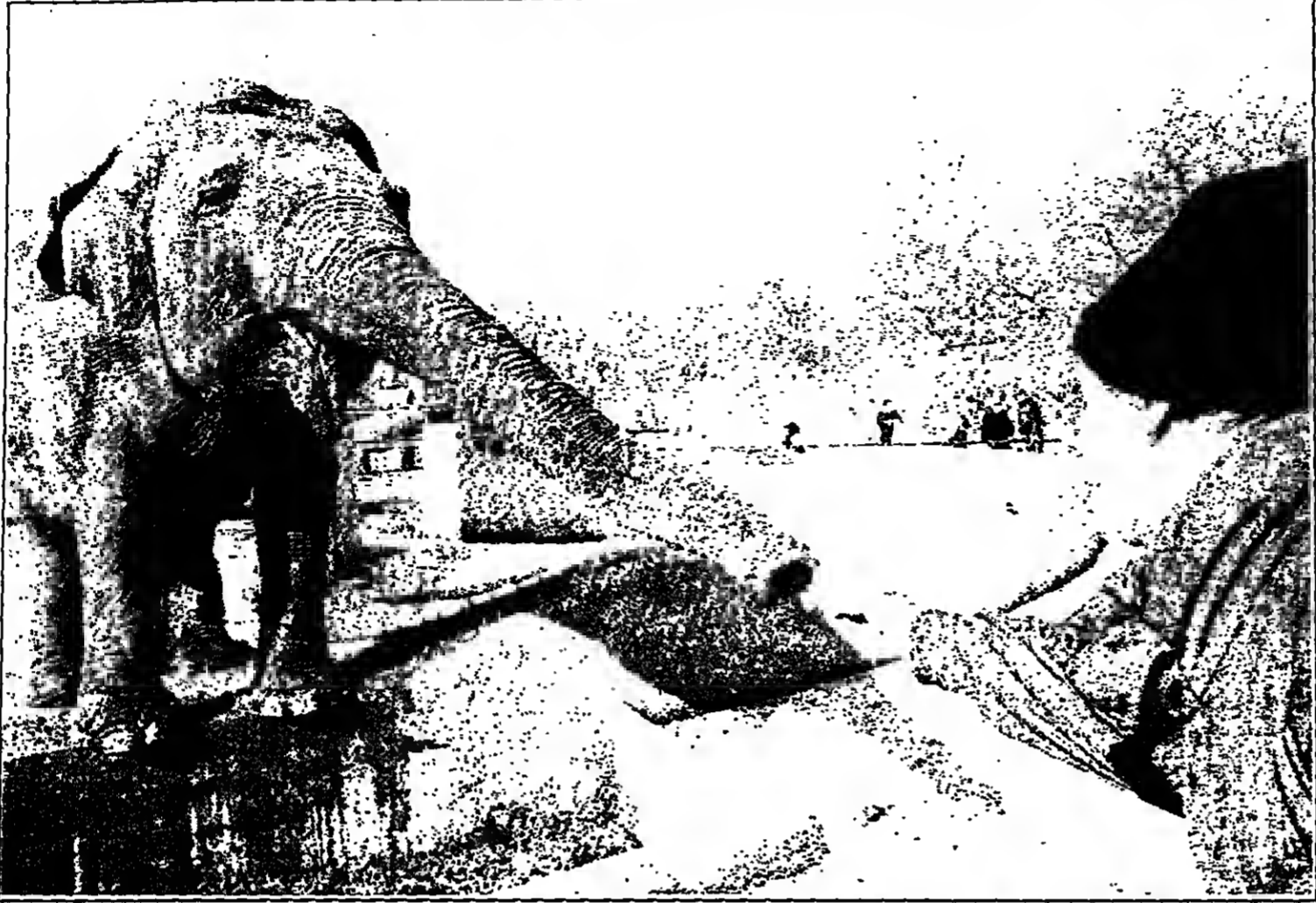
"At the moment we have no reason to adopt that policy," he told BBC radio.

EU Consumer Affairs Commissioner Emma Bonino pledged that scientific advice would determine any public health measures but added national governments should play their part.

"It's up to national authorities who consider there's a risk to take protective measures against British beef on the market," Bonino said in a statement.

European consumers' groups condemned the British government's delay in taking decisive measures to combat BSE.

"We believe that more stringent measures should have been taken during the mid-1980s when indications about the existence of the BSE problem were made public," said Kees de Winter, the Brussels-based European Consumers' Organization.



Sonia the elephant reaches out for a piece of bread from a visitor to the Warsaw Zoo yesterday. Temperatures in the Polish capital reached 4 degrees Celsius, allowing many African animals to come out into the open for the first time. (Reuters)

# Two million join hands for end to Bangladesh political crisis

DHAKA (AP) - Two million people held hands throughout Bangladesh yesterday to urge the ruling party to end the political impasse that has crippled this impoverished country for two years.

Chaos of people snaked through cities, towns and villages throughout the Islamic country of 120 million people.

In Dhaka, nearly 100,000 opposition activists began an indefinite sit-in outside the central building housing government offices, demanding Prime Minister Khaleda Zia resign.

"We shall not leave the streets (of Dhaka) until this autocratic government steps down," said Mohammed Hanif, a leader of the opposition Awami League Party.

Yesterday at least one person was killed and 100 injured when opposition protesters clashed with police in the southern port city of Chittagong, officials said. Details were not immediately available.

The human chain protest, organized by a coalition of 1,000 volunteer groups, urged Prime Minister Zia to agree to opposition demands to step down, annul the results of last month's general elections and hold a new election.

The groups, which are funded by industrialized countries and

provide jobs, health care and literacy programs in Bangladesh, have backed the opposition call against Mrs. Zia.

"We want work and peace. That's possible if the government resigns to hold a new election," said Shakina Begum, a 30-year-old woman from one of Dhaka's many slums.

Holding her hand was Masuda Khatun, another slum dweller. "We are tired of the political crisis," she said.

Organizers said 2 million people participated in the chains, which were formed in the capital Dhaka, the port city of Chittagong and more than 50 smaller places. Authorities said hundreds of thousands participated.

"This has been one of the most successful demonstrations of public will," said Kushi Kabir, a spokesman for the organizers.

Mrs. Zia did not immediately react to the protest. The volunteer groups, non-governmental organizations, are funded mainly by the United States, Britain, Germany, France, Canada and Australia.

For two years, opposition parties have held strikes nearly every day to try to oust Mrs. Zia. They allege that her government is inept and corrupt.

# Group meets to review Dayton accord

FOREIGN ministers of a Big Powers contact group met their counterparts from Croatia, Bosnia and rump Yugoslavia in Moscow yesterday to review implementation of the Bosnian peace accord.

Former enemies have stopped fighting and carried out the military terms of the deal struck in Dayton last November under the watch of a 60,000-strong NATO implementation force.

But the civilian terms lag far behind in an atmosphere of deep mistrust which the ministers from the United States, Germany, France, Britain and Russia will press regional leaders to tackle at their Moscow talks.

Those whose bones fall under the rule of former foes have mostly left. Their flight, under pressure from their own side or in fear of persecution by the other, undermines the Dayton goal of rebuilding Bosnia as a multi-ethnic society.

Bosnia-wide elections might help by giving voters a chance to replace nationalist leaders dedicated to separate ethnic states.

But a senior US diplomat says it will be mid-June before it is clear whether the poll can take place by September, as promised in the

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Dayton agreement.

"Clearly, much needs to be done before an appropriate political climate can be created to permit the elections to take place," Robert Frowick, head of mission for the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe in Bosnia, told an OSCE meeting in Prague on Friday.

The US ambassador to the United Nations, Madeleine Albright, saw human remains at a suspected mass grave in Serb-held territory on Friday and called it "the most disgusting and horrifying sight."

Walking through a collective farm south of Janja she was shown leg bones, a hand and a spine poking through the soil and a body so badly decomposed it was impossible to tell its sex.

Investigators believe the remains were those of people missing since Bosnian Serbs captured the nearby Moslem town of Srebrenica last June.

US aerial surveillance photos showed bod-

ies strewn in the field after Srebrenica's fall and UN human rights investigator Elisabeth Rehn reported on Friday that at least 3,000, perhaps as many as 8,000 people were killed.

Albright said time was running out for Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and his army chief General Ratko Mladic, both indicted as war criminals for their suspected role in massacres around Srebrenica last year.

"The area in which these two men are able to operate is getting smaller and smaller physically as well as psychologically," Albright told reporters in Sarajevo.

"Mladic and Karadzic need to know that their days of roaming around are numbered and that the area available to them for running and hiding is closing down."

The UN war crimes tribunal in The Hague announced indictments on Friday against three Bosnian Muslims and a Bosnian Croat over the killing of Bosnian Serbs at prison camp in Konjic in southern Bosnia.

The indictments were the first for crimes against Bosnian Serb victims and Western diplomats were hoping they would counter accusations the tribunal's work was biased. (Reuters)

# Atlantis speeds to meeting with Russia's Mir space station

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) - Atlantis and six astronauts raced toward a docking last night with the Russian space station Mir despite a hydraulic leak that showed up during the shuttle launch.

In the third linkup between the two massive spaceships since last summer, Atlantis is supposed to drop off more than 2,250 kg of supplies and astronaut Shannon Lucid for a five-month stay aboard Mir.

"I think it'll be a great adventure," Lucid told NBC News in a space-to-ground interview early yesterday. "I'll be doing things that I haven't done before, staying a long time in space and seeing how I react when I spend a long time in space. I'm really looking forward to it."

The astronauts spent yesterday gearing up for the visit, preparing equipment for transfer and checking out the bulky white suits two crew members will wear during a spacewalk outside the joined ships

next week.

A fluid leak that appeared in Atlantis' steering system during liftoff looked as though it might cut off a hydraulic docking short, but NASA engineers decided the problem isn't serious enough to affect the flight.

"There's no reason to shorten the flight," said lead flight director Bob Castle. "We have a very manageable situation."

The leak was in only one of three identical hydraulic systems used to shuttle control wing flaps, the rudder and landing gear. Only two are needed for landing.

Castle said the red, oily fluid began leaking a few minutes before launch, but the seepage was too slight to be detected by ground-control computers. Liftoff would have been scrubbed had the leak been detected.

About 6 liters of fluid seeped out over 20 minutes before Atlantis reached orbit and astronauts turned off the hydraulic systems.



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# Hillary Clinton embarks on Balkan goodwill trip

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Hillary Rodham Clinton left for Europe yesterday on a diplomatically and politically delicate goodwill trip highlighted by a front-line visit to US troops in Bosnia.

Mrs. Clinton, accompanied by her 16-year-old daughter Chelsea on the nine-day, five-country trip, follows in the footsteps of Barbara Bush, Pat Nixon and other US first ladies in trying to lift the morale of troops in the field.

But she is the first presidential spouse since Eleanor Roosevelt - another frequent target of partisan criticism - to visit the troops

independently of her commander-in-chief husband. President Bill Clinton was in Bosnia in January.

"This is a continuation of Mrs. Clinton's role as a goodwill ambassador. She is looking forward to visiting with American troops and their families and supporting them, and seeing different segments of society and culture in Turkey and Greece," said Lisa Caputo, her spokeswoman.

Mrs. Clinton will spend most of tomorrow in Tuzla, a drab, war-ravaged city in northeastern Bosnia that is headquarters for Task

Force Eagle, the heavily armed, 20,000-strong US element of the NATO-led mission.

She will go to Tuzla after visiting families of the troops today in Baumholder, Germany, the American base that is the permanent duty station of many of the US peacekeepers.

After her visit to the Balkan frontlines, she will stop briefly in Aviano, Italy, to greet US aviators involved in Bosnia air operations before going on to Turkey and Greece.

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# Ex shuttle commander dies in crash

DULUTH, Minnesota (AP) - The commander of one of the last successful flights of space shuttle Challenger died Friday when a small plane he was test flying went into a spin and crashed.

Col. Robert Overmyer, 59, was wearing a parachute, but couldn't manage to free himself from the plane, according to Carolyn, one of his daughters.

"He was doing full-flap stalls at 2,400 meters and the plane turned over and went into a spin. He had the door open and was trying to get out and couldn't get out in time," she said from her parents' home in Nassau Bay, Texas.

Overmyer left behind a wife, Katherine, and three children. But he died doing what he loved, Carolyn said.

"Being a test pilot, he knows the risks. But that was the love of his life," she said.

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# Bikur Holim tests new non-invasive technique to check for clogged arteries

A healthy person who wants to know how high his risk is of developing clogged coronary arteries in the decades ahead only has to open his mouth.

After a mild sedative is administered, a tiny electronic device will be threaded down his esophagus to beam ultrasound pictures of his heart's aorta — the largest artery in the body — to a computer screen.

The procedure, about to be tested as a diagnostic technique by doctors at Jerusalem's Bikur Holim Hospital, is called trans-esophageal echo cardiography (TEEC).

Prof. Andre Keren and Dr. Zahi Khoury, two senior cardiologists at the hospital, have just received a grant of NIS 200,000 annually for three years from a joint Israeli-German research fund to carry out a clinical study using this technique.

The prestigious BMBF-MOSA (German Federal Ministry for Education, Science, Research and Technology and Israel's Ministry of Science and the Arts) grant will

allow the Bikur Holim cardiologists to test 300 heart patients at the hospital. As a binational research project, the study is being carried out in conjunction with Prof. Werner Daniel of the cardiology department at the University of Dresden in Germany.

"We believe we are the first research team in the world to conduct a clinical study on the use of TEEC for observing the development of atherosclerosis in patients and the effects of treatment on reducing the amount of fatty plaques in the coronary arteries," says Keren.

TEEC is used for a number of other purposes, such as looking into the lungs, to see if a foreign object is lodged there. But, considered practically non-invasive and not dangerous (albeit a bit unpleasant), it can get an excellent view of the heart's major artery.

"The amount of fatty deposits in the aorta is a very good indication of the atherosclerotic process in all the coronary arter-

ies, and the more of this there is the greater the risk of a heart attack," says Khoury. "We believe that the amount of plaque in the aorta can also be used to identify the earliest stages of heart disease — long before it shows up in other tests or symptoms — and that is the theory we will test in our study."

"We have no trouble getting volunteers among the heart patients under treatment at Bikur Holim. It takes only 15 minutes, and we think it is better for this purpose than any other non-invasive test, including stress tests. The earlier pre-clinical atherosclerosis is detected, the easier it is to reverse the process and keep patients healthy in the future."

The researchers will follow the patients over three years and perform a number of TEEC scans on each patient. "We will then be able to see the effects of smoking cessation, exercise, reduction in stress, a low-fat diet and medica-

tion on them over a long period of time," explains Khoury.

A Greek-Catholic Arab born in the Galilee village of Touran who graduated from the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Medicine and now lives in Shuafat, Khoury notes that awareness of risk factors in heart disease is very low in the Arab community.

Many Arab men smoke, although it is uncommon among Arab women, just as it is among their Orthodox Jewish counterparts. He does not know of any serious studies that have isolated all the relevant factors in mortality rates from heart disease and compared them in Jewish and Arab Israelis.

"There are 70,000 Arabs in eastern Jerusalem who, since the national health insurance system was established, are now entitled to the full basket of health services," he says. "Some are just beginning to become aware of the importance of prevention of heart disease. But it will take a long

time. There are conflicting factors: a diet with a lot of olive oil and more-than-average physical activity work to reduce the risk of heart disease, but smoking, a minimum of health education and perhaps less access to care works to their detriment."

The only Arab doctor in Bikur Holim's cardiology department and one of a handful in the whole hospital (there are a number of Arab nurses), Khoury says he feels completely home there. The voluntary hospital is not only Jewish-sponsored, but is run according to strict Orthodox principles and located on the edge of a haredi neighborhood.

"I have an excellent relationship with the staff," he says. "They're wonderful, and I feel a full partner. A terror attack has no effect on Jewish-Arab relations in the hospital. Rarely, a patient who learns I am an Arab may object, but I don't regard this as important. After getting his treatment, such patients want to come back for follow-up."



Good news for soldiers of the Artillery Corps: Hearing loss may be treatable in many cases. (Eliad Grahagov/DFP Spokesman)

## Most eardrum damage can be repaired

Rx FOR READERS  
JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

There were a number of cases of exploded eardrums during the recent bomb blasts. I wondered whether eardrums repair themselves naturally, if an operation has to be performed to replace the damaged eardrum, or if there is nothing to do and victims suffer from permanent hearing damage. What is the answer?

A. D., Jerusalem  
Dr. Mordechai Kraus of Soroka Hospital's ear-nose-and-throat department answers:

An explosion can cause a tear in the eardrum, or — more seriously — it may go beyond that and damage the little bones and other structures in the inner ear. If only the eardrum is affected, in most cases doctors wait to see whether the body repairs it naturally. If it doesn't fix itself, a bit of skin taken from outside the ear may be grafted behind the hole, and normal hearing is restored.

If the blast causes damage to the inner ear, this can be repaired in delicate ear surgery in nearly all cases. If harm is done to the auditory nerve, deafness will occur, but fortunately this result is extremely rare.

Although I know of no specific studies on a connection between ending breastfeeding and diaper rash, we know that changing a baby's diet does affect the acidity and consistency of his urine and stool. But even if the baby is taking formula, diaper rash can be handled.

Doctors say that 15 percent of all babies up to the age of two suffer from diaper rash, but this reflects only the infants they see; there are probably many more who don't come to a doctor's attention.

The rash results from irritation caused by contact between the skin and the components of urine and stool, as well as bacteria that grow in them. Diapers keep these close to the skin, and thus there is no diaper rash among babies who go without diapers. Today's highly absorbent disposable diapers are much better than cloth diapers, which were worn under nylon pants and promoted bacterial growth and irritation.

You should try various skin-protective ointments and brands of diapers to try to deal with the problem. Diaper rash should be dealt with, as infections can result if it remains untreated.

My six-month-old baby started getting serious diaper rash since I stopped breastfeeding. Is there any connection to change of food? I have tried various ointments, but nothing really solves the problem. Would a different kind of disposable diaper help?

J.W., Ramat Gan.

Dr. Dan Ben-Ami, a pediatric dermatologist at the Schneider Children's Medical Center for Israel in Petah Tikva, comments:

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## Israel leads the world in early deafness detection

HEALTH SCAN  
POST SCIENCE REPORTER

DEAFNESS is detected in Israeli infants at a younger age than anywhere in the world, due to routine testing of babies at seven or eight months in family health (tipat halav) centers. Now, two new devices recently introduced at Hadassah-University Hospital can speed this up even more, and hearing disorders can be detected as soon as a few hours after birth.

Haya Levi, a clinical communications specialist and head of Hadassah's audiology and communications disorders institute, reported recently on this at a professional conference in Zichron Ya'acov. "In the US and Europe, only low-income children are seen at tipat-halav-like clinics, while the majority of children go to private doctors, who don't usually bother to test infants' hearing," she explains. "But in Israel, every baby is tested by the tipat halav nurse, who makes a series of different noises behind the child's back to test his reaction. Anyone who seems to have a problem is referred immediately to an approved hearing clinic or hospital audiology department."


In Jerusalem, due to a special arrangement between Hadassah and the municipality's public health department, infants who fail this preliminary test are sent to Levi's clinic even without a

health fund referral. They then undergo a high-tech exam called auditory nerve and brainstem-evoked response (ABR), which determines the reactions of the auditory nerve to the stimulation of sounds. The baby must be sedated but feels no pain. If the child is hearing disabled, it can be determined in about half an hour, to be certain that he is normal, it takes two or three hours.

Hadassah tests 120 to 140 babies a year, and about 20 of them are found to suffer from varying degrees of deafness, resulting from genetic problems, exposure to German measles or cytomegalovirus during the mother's pregnancy, prematurity, or asphyxia during delivery.

All of these babies can be helped, says Levi. There are medications and hearing aids. Those with a very serious problem may be given a cochlear implant (electronic ear implant), which costs \$20,000. The expense is shared by the health fund, Health Ministry, parents and a special Hadassah fund.

Another screening tool is the auto-acoustic emission device, which is being used on newborns only at Hadassah. A tiny microphone is harmlessly inserted into the baby's ear to determine whether it produces sounds — which is a sign of being able to hear as well.



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## A lesson for China

**T**AIWANESE President Lee Teng-hui has won more than a convincing election victory - he and the Taiwanese people have even more convincingly demonstrated the moral superiority of the democratic process over the bankruptcy of dictatorships of the left and right. China's attempted harassment of the election with a petulant show of brute force in the Taiwan Straits has left Beijing looking silly by any measure. Even accepting China's argument that Taiwan is legally and ultimately a Chinese province, it is still difficult to explain why a huge province of 14.5 million registered voters should not be allowed to choose its leaders and government at the ballot box. Lee's victory is not only historic on a modern scale - this is the first time in 5,000 years of Chinese history that a leader has been directly chosen by his people. While the confrontation with China has been making the headlines, it must not be forgotten that Lee has not only shown righteous contempt for the power of the communist gun, but he had also shuffled off the legacy of the island's nationalist dictators, remodeling both himself and his country and giving a democratic lesson to much of the rest of Asia - not least to the irritable mandarins of the motherland. The 73-

year-old Lee was first chosen by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for a political career and has had to live down the stigma of having served in the repressive regime which was little more than a right wing mirror of the communist dictatorship of Mao Zedong across the straits. Lee has carried out a thorough cleansing of the past in Taiwan, leading his people step by step to the goal of choosing their own government. It was he who forced unrepentant Chiang-era functionaries to retire and then abandoned the unrealistic nationalist sacred cow of reconquering the mainland. He apologized for Chiang's brutal 1947 massacre of his opponents and turned Taiwanese eyes to a future of economic success under democratic and free market institutions. Even his election opponent Peng Ming-min heaped praise on Lee - after 23 years in political exile, Peng expressed amazement that he was completely free to challenge Lee for the presidency. Lee has abandoned the nationalist ideal of reconquering the mainland by force. But it would not be surprising if the democratic lessons being given to the mainland by Taiwan and Hong Kong reconquer the hearts of those mainland Chinese democrats who were so brutally crushed in Tiananmen Square.

## Back to the future

**T**HE vote last week in Russia's parliament (now dominated by communists) demanding restoration of the Soviet Union may be unrealistic wishful thinking - even irresponsible, as President Boris Yeltsin dubbed it, or "not one of the best signs," as NATO Secretary General Javier Solana said. But it should be a clear signal to NATO and the east Europeans that a little contingency planning would not be amiss and they should pursue more vigorously the proposed entry of those former Soviet satellites who want to join the alliance. In reactions to the vote by the State Duma, Yeltsin was strongly supported by the West, the now-independent members of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and the bulk of the Russian media. As usual in Russian political logic, all that may prove to be a hindrance rather than a help to Yeltsin in his election campaign. Now that democracy has replaced diktat, it is the Boris and Irina in the street rather than Boris in the Kremlin who will cast the final vote on the proposal. And for many ordinary Russians whose memories are short on atrocities but long on romantic myth, the idea is an attractive one. Mighty Russia encompasses some of the broadest vistas of human culture and intelligence, but the political acumen of its people often perplexes the outside world. While it would be hard to find an intelligent German expressing nostalgia for the Nazi era, the brutal Stalinist days of the Soviet Union remain wrapped in mystical Russian romanticism, although hardly a family in the union remained untouched by the purges. When the undoubted technological achievements, military might,

and social welfare programs of the Soviet Union are added, the mixture becomes a heady nostalgic brew for many Russians. In addition to voiding the December 1991 Belovezh accord which dissolved the USSR and established the CIS, the Duma passed a second resolution declaring still valid for Russia a 1991 referendum in which a majority of then-Soviet citizens supported the continuance of the USSR. While there may be some nostalgia in conservative Western circles for the black-white certainties of the Cold War, there certainly is none among the people of Europe or the United States for the ugly repression, propaganda, hostility and fears of nuclear holocaust. The messy business of the Chechnya rebellion, added to the harsh realities of an anarchic free market, undoubtedly fuels this strange Russian love of the gray but familiar past. However, all leaders in the CIS states condemned the resolutions. They at least still relish the taste of running their own affairs, no matter how chaotic those affairs may be in some of their countries. Neither is it surprising that 10 countries in central and eastern Europe are now banging loudly on NATO's door, demanding entrance. Russia of course will sort out its own affairs in its own chaotic political way. That is entirely that country's business. But where that "business" involves threats to the new independence of its neighbors, a little haste in NATO's cumbersome negotiations with the east Europeans would seem to be in order. The West can easily assure Yeltsin that an expanded NATO is entirely defensive and there is no reason such a vast state as Russia should feel "encircled." But alongside the assurances, a little insurance cannot do any harm.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THE GOAL OF HAMAS

Sir - In the wake of the recent terrorist bombings within the heart of Israel, I read, watch, and listen with astonishment as virtually every media "expert" on the Middle East refers to the goal of Hamas as the "deterioration of the peace process." According to this universally accepted view, Israel is supposedly playing into the hands of terror by suspending negotiations, imposing restrictions on the Arab population, and even, according to some, trying to root out and punish the terrorist. I'll never understand how so many smart people can be so misguided, but I can at least set the record straight. The stated and proven objectives of Hamas have nothing to do with the peace process. They are the destruction of the State of Israel and the murder of Jews. The bombings have been quite successful in advancing the latter objective. With respect to the former, Hamas, along with the civilized world, has witnessed an incredible cycle - a terrorist act leads to an acceleration of the peace process, which leads to the yielding of more land to Palestinian control, resulting in a contraction of the Jewish State and a wider base of terrorist operations for Hamas! Clearly, Hamas realizes more and more of its ultimate goal with every step of the peace process. Why on earth would they oppose it? And who is playing into the hands of terror - the so-called Jewish fanatics who insist on secure borders and streets, or those who relinquish the State of Israel peace by peace? JACOB POLEYEFF Teaneck, New Jersey.

### WISE DECISION

Sir - Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss acted wisely when he took the unprecedented step of having the president of Turkey address a full audience in the Knesset's Chagall Hall rather than cause embarrassment by having him go to the plenum and address "a nearly empty room with so many MKs absent on their primary election campaigns." One must wonder, however, why the MKs failed to give top priority to bearing an official address to the Knesset by the president of Turkey. Turkey is a major power in the region. It is a Moslem state that has had friendly relations with Israel since its founding. Today Israel is trying to draw closer to Turkey and gain cooperation in such vital matters as water supply for Israel. Naturally every MK wants to be re-elected. But don't MKs also have a duty to act as representatives of Israel and give support to the national interests? Is it too much to ask of them to take a few hours' break from their campaigns in order to be statesmen? Under the Israeli system of government, where MKs are first and foremost party members, it is common practice to invoke party discipline in order to achieve a desired outcome in a Knesset vote. Could not the same discipline be invoked to remind MKs of their mammoth and civic obligations on such an important occasion of state? It should not be necessary for Shevah Weiss to be so clever and foresighted if our MKs and their party leadership could get their priorities in order. ARNOLD I. KISCH, MD Jerusalem.

### RELIGIOUS WAR

Sir - I commiserate with the anguish and pain of Israelis who have had to bury children, women and men the past weeks. In nine days, the Israelis lost the per-capita equivalent of 3,500 American lives. In this perspective, we must come to the realization that these suicidal bombings are not just isolated criminal actions, but are actually the continuation of a religious war. Unlike compromise between sovereign countries to end a military conflict, land concessions offered by Israel have not curbed, or even modified PLO inflammatory speeches of jihad or holy war. It should not be a surprise that groups like Hamas would feel perfectly free to kill innocent people in terrorist attacks. Let us believe that this is only a territorial war between Israel and Arabs, the fact is that 65 percent of Arab Christians in Bethlehem have fled in fear of Arab Moslem persecution. The enslavement of Black Christians by Moslems in Sudan and the dismantling of Christian Lebanon have already been well documented. I fear for Israel's very existence because these kamikaze-style killings create the havoc that can unravel a country's infrastructure. These recent despicable bombings should spur Israel and the US to approach the future peace talks with more realism and less stary-eyed idealism. After all, how long should we expect a people to face death for a unilateral accord? PASTOR ORVILLE J. WALLACE, Gospel Tabernacle Kansas City.



## Cozying up to terror?

**I**n response to the terrorist carnage committed by Hamas in Israel, President Clinton organized an anti-terrorist summit in Egypt earlier this month. But both the president and first lady have closely embraced an Islamic fundamentalist group in the US that champions and supports Hamas. This group also openly supports, lobbies for, and defends other Islamic terrorist groups. The contacts between the White House and the Islamic radicals began on November 9, 1995, when Clinton and Vice President Al Gore met with Abdulrahman Alamoudi, executive director of the American Muslim Council, as part of a meeting with 23 Moslem and Arab leaders. A month later, on December 8, Clinton's national security adviser Anthony Lake met with Alamoudi at the White House along with several AMC board members and other American Islamic leaders. By February 20, Mrs. Clinton was allowing the AMC to draw up the Moslem guest list for the first lady's historic White House reception marking the end of Ramadan. One person familiar with the situation says that Mrs. Clinton's syndicated newspaper column of February 8, "Islam in America," was based on "talking points" provided by the AMC. The American Muslim Council is a radical group that supports radical Islamic terrorist movements," says Seif Ashmawy, the American Moslem publisher of the Voice of Peace in New Jersey. "I am shocked and outraged that the White House would embrace them. As someone who has put his life on the line for peace, and as someone who has been willing to unequivocally condemn militant Islamic groups, I feel totally betrayed by the Clinton administration." A detailed investigation of public records, international Islamic publications, intelligence material collected by law enforcement, and proceedings of various Islamic conferences shows AMC's consistent record of support for radical Islamic groups. Most glaring are the ties between the AMC and Hamas.

### STEVEN EMERSON

**I**nstrution release Marzook, whom he described to a reporter as a "political prisoner." THAT'S NOT the only connection between the American Muslim Council and Islamic militants. Both Alamoudi and Marzook were speakers at a June 1991 conference in northern Virginia that brought together senior Islamic militants from throughout the Middle East. At this conference, many of the speakers assailed the "Zionist entity that aims to destroy the Moslem ummah [community]." And the AMC has cosponsored several conferences and events in the US with the United Association for Studies and

### The White House is burying its head in the sand about a fundamentalist Islamic group it is publicly embracing

**Research.** Founded by Marzook in 1989, the association serves as Hamas's support arm in the US. Now located in northern Virginia, the group has published books (in Arabic) calling for the annihilation of Jews. Moreover, telephone records subpoenaed for the World Trade Center trial show that the United Association's officials were in contact with Mohammed Saleh, a Hamas official who was convicted for his role in the World Trade Center conspiracy. In one 1993 conference jointly sponsored by the AMC and the United Association in Washington, Alamoudi even extended a warm introduction to the association's director Ahmed bin Yusuf, one of Hamas's chief ideologues who has called for the destruction of Israel.

### By associating with the extremist Moslem element, Clinton undercuts moderate Moslems, strengthening terror groups

AMC's links to radicalism don't end with Hamas. It has also arranged US press conferences and visits for Islamic militants from Jordan's Islamic Action Front and the Egyptian Moslem Brotherhood. In December 1995 AMC issued public congratulations to Turkey's radical Islamic Refah party following its electoral success. The Refah party has campaigned against "Zionist-Jewish conspiracies" and labeled the US an "enemy of all Moslems." In addition, the AMC has established a special relationship with the Sudanese government of Hasan Al-Turabi, who has made his country an international training ground for Islamic terrorists. In 1992, AMC boasted in its newsletter that the group had "planned a highly successful visit for Hasan Al-Turabi from the Sudan." In April 1994, almost a year after Sudan was officially designated a terrorist regime by the State Department, the AMC, together with another Hamas front group known as the Council on American Islamic Relations, co-hosted a press conference for the Sudanese foreign minister in the US. The AMC has dismissed any allegation that it collaborates with known terrorist groups, claiming

## Where home is

DEBRA COOPER

**A**ccording to some commentators, whenever there's a terrorist attack in Israel, American Jews leave, or postpone long-planned trips to the country. Although this is undoubtedly true in some instances, to accuse a whole group of cowardliness, hypocrisy and lack of commitment to Israel only makes for self-righteous and tedious rhetoric. I made aliya from the US almost two years ago - neither for religious reasons nor to fulfill a lifelong dream. It was six months after my first trip here, during which I discovered that despite many years of assimilation I was a Zionist, and thus connected to the Jewish people. But my motivation to come here lay equally in my newfound Zionism and in my desire to have a major life-adventure.

Many Americans - tourists, students etc. - leave their seemingly safe and secure homes for an "Israel experience," which they hope will enrich their lives back home. They come to visit, learn and experience, not to live in mortal fear. So why should they stay? When it comes to immigrants, some Western Jews come more for a heightened Israel experience than for a lifelong commitment; their staying is conditional on the start. My Jewish Agency emissary advised me and other potential immigrants: "Go for a year. If you don't like it, so you come home." In my case, the Israel experience has transformed my life. I met my fiancée, a British immigrant, at the absorption center. We have established ourselves professionally, are purchasing an apartment, and intend to raise a family here as we have chosen to make Israel our home.

So, when the bombs go off and my Israeli friends ask if I will leave, pointing out that I have the choice, I start in with some self-righteousness of my own. I tell them what I tell my parents in Florida: that the whole point of Israel is that Jews no longer have to run. I explain how my father taught me to stand and fight in the face of antisemitism. I speak of being a Zionist. For the most part my Israeli friends admire my idealistic Zionism. However, it isn't necessarily Zionism which motivates them to stay. In speaking with a distraught Israeli friend after the Dizengoff bombing, I tried to console her by speaking of our people's struggle and the importance of the Jewish state. She smiled tearfully. "The Jewish struggle isn't my issue," she said. "It's just that Israel is my only home, where I grew up. I must stand by her."

### Don't blame American Jews who leave the country when terror strikes

Here lies the difference between Jews in Israel who possess a friendly foreign passport and those who do not. AMERICAN Jews have a home in the US. America will presumably always have an open door to me and my family. The reason I will stay in Israel, in both good and bad times, will not be purely due to Zionist idealism, but because this is where my fiancée and I are making our lives. This will be our children's primary home. And then, in times of trouble, if someone asks us whether we are going to stay, we will tell them that Israel is our home and we must stand by her. Given the importance of conviction - whether ideological, religious or patriotic - in giving people strength to weather dangerous times in this land, American Jews who are here merely for the Israel experience have little to pull them through crisis, the likes of which they have never experienced, nor could have even fathomed. What rationale do they have to convince their parents that they should not be home, safe and sound, with their families? I applaud those who do make a stand and stay as a sign of strength and solidarity. But I don't blame those who do not, nor do I feel they should be made to feel ashamed. Before one Jew can stand in judgment of another's resolve to be here, he must understand his motivation. If making Israel one's home is not part of the equation, then no conviction is being betrayed. And, for those who do call Israel their home, it is not a question of being righteous or brave: it's simply a matter of being. The writer is an advertising executive.

## POSTSCRIPT

BERT AND Ernie were missing after thieves knocked through a wall and plundered an exhibit of original Muppets. Miss Piggy was injured during the break-in. The trio were among 36 original Muppets rented for the exhibit at the Erfurt (Germany) Garden Show. Kermit and Big Bird were not harmed. Police are investigating.



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## Is Dole too old?

BY PETER BEINART

As the Clinton-Dole contest takes shape, a bizarre convention has emerged: Bob Dole's age is not a legitimate issue. Too bad Bob Dole himself has violated this convention himself in the past. It's not just that Dole bulldog Al D'Amato ran ads in 1980 suggesting that 76-year-old New York Sen. Jacob Javits was too old for the job, or that Dole himself, during a brief foray into that year's presidential primary, pointedly sent a 69th birthday card to Ronald Reagan. Bob Dole has made his age a centerpiece of his campaign this year — as a reason to vote for him.

### MATURE LEADERSHIP

"Mature, decisive leadership," "the comeback adult," "one more mission for my generation." The intended meaning of these slogans is clear: Bob Dole epitomizes the courage and character of a generation forged in war. Bill Clinton and his fellow draft-dodging, philandering boomers? Well, they're just not "tested and trusted" in the same way. As Dole supporter Warren Rudman told The New York Times last summer, "I pick up a lot of respect and nostalgia for Dole and what his generation represents."

**"He's 71 years old. It's something we're sensitive to. We're not going to overschedule him." What about when he's president?**

Fair enough. But if it's fair to use the age issue to vote for Dole, why isn't it legitimate to use it to vote against him? Surely, for starters, Bob Dole's clumsy, lethargic campaign performance is related to his being 72 years old. Would anyone deny that Dole has looked worse on the stump this year than both his current opponents and he himself in earlier races? Dole's advisers have noticed. Their strategy is now to avoid debates, to limit his public appearances and to rely heavily on local surrogates. As a Dole adviser told Time last July, "He's 71 years old. It's something we're sensitive to. We're not going to overschedule him." What about when he's president?

In a backhanded acknowledgment of the age issue, Dole has flirted with serving only one term in office. Such a decision would profoundly affect a Dole presidency: increasing the power of his vice president and reducing his influence over both Congress and his own party. If Dole makes such a decision, to induce Colin Powell to join the ticket for instance, it's vital that he do so publicly, something he now appears reluctant to do. The press must push Dole to make his intentions clear, and it cannot do so while pretending his age is irrelevant to his candidacy.

### PUBLIC SCRUTINY

There's another more pressing reason why this should be an issue in the campaign: once Dole enters the White House, the debate will no longer be possible. We still don't know, for example, if Ronald Reagan showed signs of Alzheimer's during his second term. Experience shows that once in office, powerful forces shield a leader from public scrutiny. Francois Mitterrand's doctor now claims the late French president concealed metastasizing prostate cancer all through his tenure, and that the disease incapacitated him during his final six months in office. Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu was on life support for two months this winter before agreeing to step down; throughout, his party refused to admit anything was wrong. The 25th Amendment to the Constitution says that when the vice president and a majority of the Cabinet declare a sitting president "unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office" he can be replaced. But this still leaves that authority in the hands of those who, like their French and Greek counterparts, might have a vested interest in keeping health problems a secret.

Bob Dole, to his credit, has publicly released his medical records. And, for 72, he's a healthy man. But, if elected, he would be America's oldest president, three and a half years older than Ronald Reagan was when he first took office. According to actuaries from the life insurance branch of the United Services Automobile Association, a major San Antonio-based insurance company, the average 72-year-old white man suffers a 27 percent risk of dying within five years (about the time between now and the end of Dole's first term). Although Dole exercises and eats a healthy diet, his chances are probably no lower because his high cholesterol (a genetic condition) and years of smoking (he quit in 1982) increase his chances for coronary artery disease. For the average 49-year-old white male (Clinton's age) the risk is 4 percent. That's 23 percent worth thinking about.

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## Huddled masses Border conflicts overtake the workforce

BY MICHAEL LIND

*"Sooner or later America must face reality. It is going to be painful... What America is fighting is a piece of poetry... The poetry is thrilling. It is on the Statue of Liberty: 'Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free....' The trouble is that huddled masses need jobs."*

Richard Strout is the eminent liberal journalist who wrote The New Republic's TRB column for several decades. Since Strout wrote those words in 1980, more than 10 million people have immigrated to the United States legally. The number of new immigrants, and their higher-than-average birthrate, recently forced the Census Bureau to revise its 1989 estimate of U.S. population in 2080 upward, by an additional 100 million — to 400 million.

But it is not numbers alone that should convert liberal immigration defenders. As Strout observed, "The huddled masses need jobs." According to a 1995 Bureau of Labor Statistics study, competition with immigrants has accounted for roughly half the recent decline in wages among unskilled American workers. According to University of Michigan demographer William Frey, competition for jobs with poorly paid Latin American and Asian immigrants is driving low-income whites and blacks out of high-immigration states like California and high-immigration cities like New York. No wonder Steve Forbes and Dick Armev favor high levels of immigration, and The Wall Street Journal has proposed a five-word amendment to the U.S. Constitution — "There shall be open borders." It's great for business.

But not so great for poor Americans. Still, they're not the only ones under threat. U.S. companies can legally hire 140,000 skilled foreign workers each year. Bill Gates, among others, has claimed that the U.S. computer industry needs a never-ending supply of East Asian and Indian scientists because there are not enough Americans able to do the work. Really? Why can't American industry train native and naturalized citizens for high-tech jobs? Some companies do the reverse. In 1994, the American International Group Insurance Company fired more than 250 American computer programmers and replaced them with Indian workers brought in under the H-1B visa program (which allows firms to pay

only the foreign prevailing wage plus a living allowance). To add insult to injury, the laid-off workers, on pain of losing their severance pay, were forced to train their foreign replacements for 60 days.

The greatest gains in income by the American middle and working classes, both white and black, took place during the era of immigration restriction, from the 1920s to the 1960s. Not coincidentally, this was also the heyday of union membership, which is inevitably hampered when mass immigration produces a workforce divided by ethnicity. And, of course, it was the golden age of public support for universal entitlements and anti-poverty efforts. Coincidence? Not likely. The most generous and egalitarian states in modern times have been culturally homogeneous nation-states admitting few or no poor immigrants, like those of northern Europe and Japan (where corporate paternalism substitutes for social democracy). The equation of social justice and national solidarity seems much less compelling in the modern United States, where immigrants are much more likely than native-born Americans to receive welfare benefits. (In Chinese-speaking Asia, one widely distributed book tells potential immigrants how to obtain SSI and other benefits of the American welfare state.)

There is, then, a liberal case for immigration restriction that has nothing to do with the absurd and offensive claims of some conservatives that growing numbers of nonwhites threaten our civilization (Patrick Buchanan) or our gene pool (Charles Murray). What's more, the obsession with illegal immigration of politicians like Pete Wilson evades the main issue. Each year, 300,000 to 400,000 illegal immigrants arrive here to stay, a fraction of the roughly 1 million legal immigrants who take up permanent residence each year. We can and should crack down on illegal immigration — with a stronger border patrol, fences and a computerized national employment verification system — but legal immigration represents the greater threat to American wages and unions.

Reducing legal immigration is a perfectly legitimate liberal cause — if "liberal" means protecting the interests of ordinary wage-earning Americans. Unfortunately, for 30 years the Democratic Party has not acted like a liberal or social-democratic party. It has acted as a coalition of ethnic patronage machines (each seeking to enlarge the numbers of its group eligible for affir-

mative action) and affluent white social liberals (whose lifestyles in many cases depend on a supporting cast of low-wage Latin American maids and nannies). Unlike free-market conservatives, who can at least invoke a principled libertarian viewpoint, pro-immigration liberals have no theory, merely the "piece of poetry" of which Strout wrote — and the N-word (nativist). But now that majorities of black Americans and even a slight majority of Hispanics, according to a Roper poll commissioned by Negative Population Growth Institute, support reducing immigration to less than 300,000 a year, it will no longer do to accuse all supporters of immigration reform of racism and xenophobia.

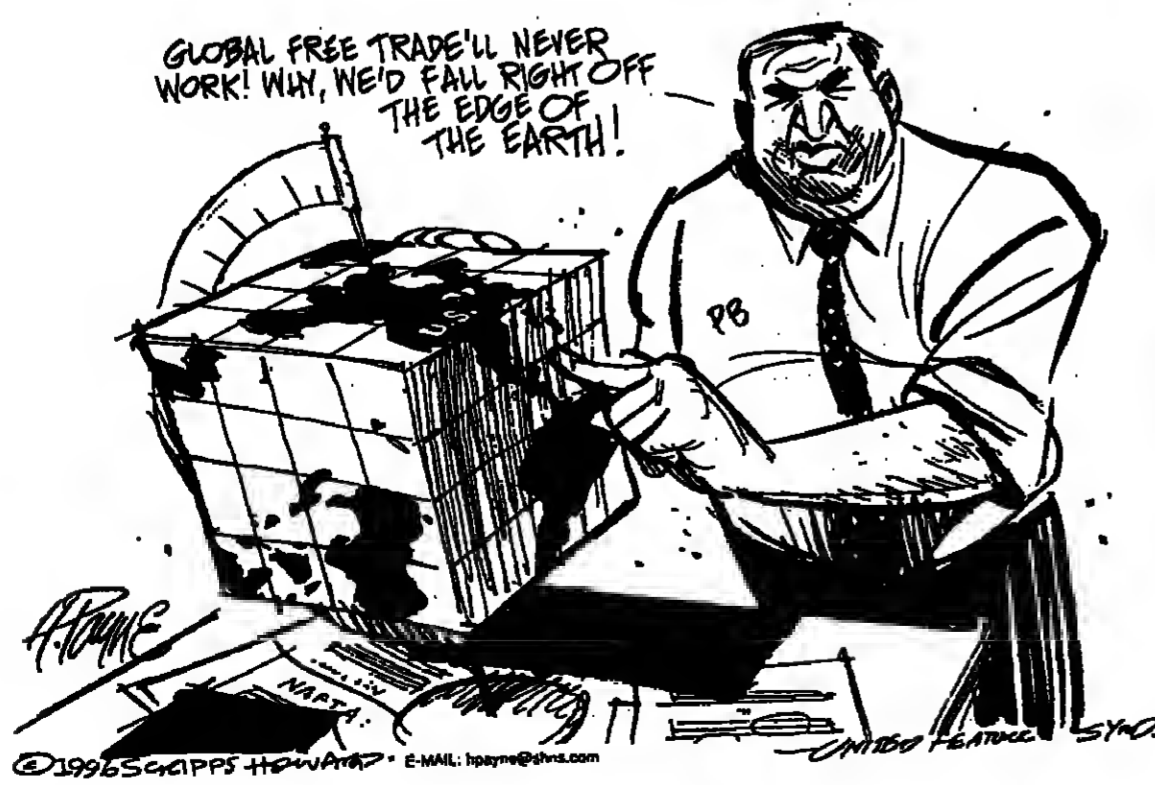
As Strout concluded in a critique of immigration policy back in 1981, "people must face facts, whether they like them or not." A brave minority of liberal Democrats, including Wisconsin Rep. David Obey, have done so, signing on as co-sponsors of the immigration reform bills introduced by Alan Simpson in the Senate and Lamar Smith in the House. Though the bills wisely cut back on extended-family reunification — a Ponzi scheme that has resulted in escalating immigrant numbers — they would reduce legal immigration by only a third, to about 700,000 a year.

That's still much too high. The numerical cap envisioned by the original Kennedy-Johnson reform in 1965 — 290,000 a year — would do more to bring U.S. population growth in line with other developed countries and raise U.S. wages, particularly at the bottom of the income scale. Yet there would still be room for plenty of humanitarian refugees, spouses and children of Mexican-American citizens, Taiwanese grad students and English journalists. Though the United States would no longer take half the world's legal immigrants, we would still have the world's most generous immigration policy.

Strout was right. Genuine liberals should unite with populist conservatives to reform an immigration policy that benefits few Americans other than exploitative employers. It is easy to talk in poetry. But it is necessary to govern in prose.

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# EDITORIAL CARTOONS



## Waiting for another Clinton bomb to drop

BY MATTHEW COOPER

One of the leitmotifs of covering Bill Clinton is waiting — not just waiting for the tardy Clinton to show up at a speech, but waiting for some big scandal. During the campaign in 1992, when the draft story broke, there was always the feeling in the press corps that more would come out and the guy would be finished. Ditto with women. What happened instead is that the basic outline of the story would get out, eventually, people would lose interest. We still don't know everything about how Clinton avoided military service in Vietnam, but we know the basic elements of the story, and no reporter feels obligated to ferret out the last detail. The same goes for Whitewater, which has followed a similar course. The story waxes and wanes; at times it recedes into the white noise of news where perennials like the Kurds or the North Korean nuclear program bloom. Then it becomes a big deal again.

In a sense, Whitewater is over. It's possible, I suppose, that Hillaryites Susan Thomases and Maggie Williams could get indicted for perjury, for having feigned dim memories before the Senate committee. It's possible, too, that some sort of smoking document is yet to be unearthed. But, at this point, the story is pretty much out there. Remember, we're still not entirely sure what the plumbers were looking for in the Watergate, and we're still not entirely sure of what Reagan knew about Iran-Contra and when he knew it. The same can be said of Whitewater: the fundamental outlines we know, but some mystery will always remain.

It is that element of mystery, as much as anything, that worries White House staffers. Most of the people I've spoken with in the Clinton entourage have no better idea what lies at the end of the Whitewater trail than does the average reader of The New York Times.

The new book by James Stewart, "Blood Sport," puts flesh on the skeleton of the Whitewater story. Stewart, an extraordinarily talented reporter with a rare ability to both write a good narrative and understand complex financial transactions, made his name with "Den of Thieves," which chronicled the fate of Michael Milken and notorious financiers. Perhaps

because he had trained his guns on these icons of the Reagan years, Susan Thomases reached out to the Pulitzer-winning Stewart to write a book about Whitewater, apparently expecting a sympathetic account. This did not turn out to be good strategy.

Stewart paints a portrait of the Clintons that is unflattering, but as Time's editors acknowledge in their introduction to the excerpts: "Anyone looking for evidence that might indict Bill or Hillary Clinton will be disappointed." The Clintons, in Stewart's excerpts, are preternaturally ambitious; they fight. Occasionally, a shoe is hurled. Clinton, hopelessly adolescent, is amazed that a former "far boy in the Big Boy jeans" can, as a precocious pol, attract women. And they are eager to get their hands on quick cash, which leads them into a deal with the now infamous Jim and Susan McDougal. Stewart relies heavily on the McDougals in his book, which seems a risky strategy. After all, McDougal, once a dashing banker, is now diagnosed as manic-depressive; he suffers from acute memory loss — points which Time's rival, Newsweek, is only too happy to point out. Susan McDougal, for her part, is facing a lawsuit charging that she, of all things, embezzled money from the conductor Zubin Mehta. Stewart, though, is convinced that he's got it right. "What he remembers, he remembers well," Stewart told me of McDougal. What's more, the White House itself suggested to Stewart that McDougal's memory was still quite sharp.

As for potential crimes, the Clintons, Stewart claims, hyped the value of the Whitewater property when they went to apply for a loan. If they did so knowingly, it would be a crime. Bill, Stewart contends, really did solicit the business of Madison Guaranty. The White House disputes these charges but even if they were true it's hard to see this as earth-shattering. A lot of people thought Stewart's would be the book that'd bring down the Clintons. In the end, it's probably going to cause less damage to the White House than Bob Woodward's "The Agenda," which cemented the conventional wisdom that the Clinton White House was chaotic. (In retrospect, of course, Woodward's book could also be read as an account of how Clinton, however clumsily, split the difference between deficit hawks and investment types and came up with

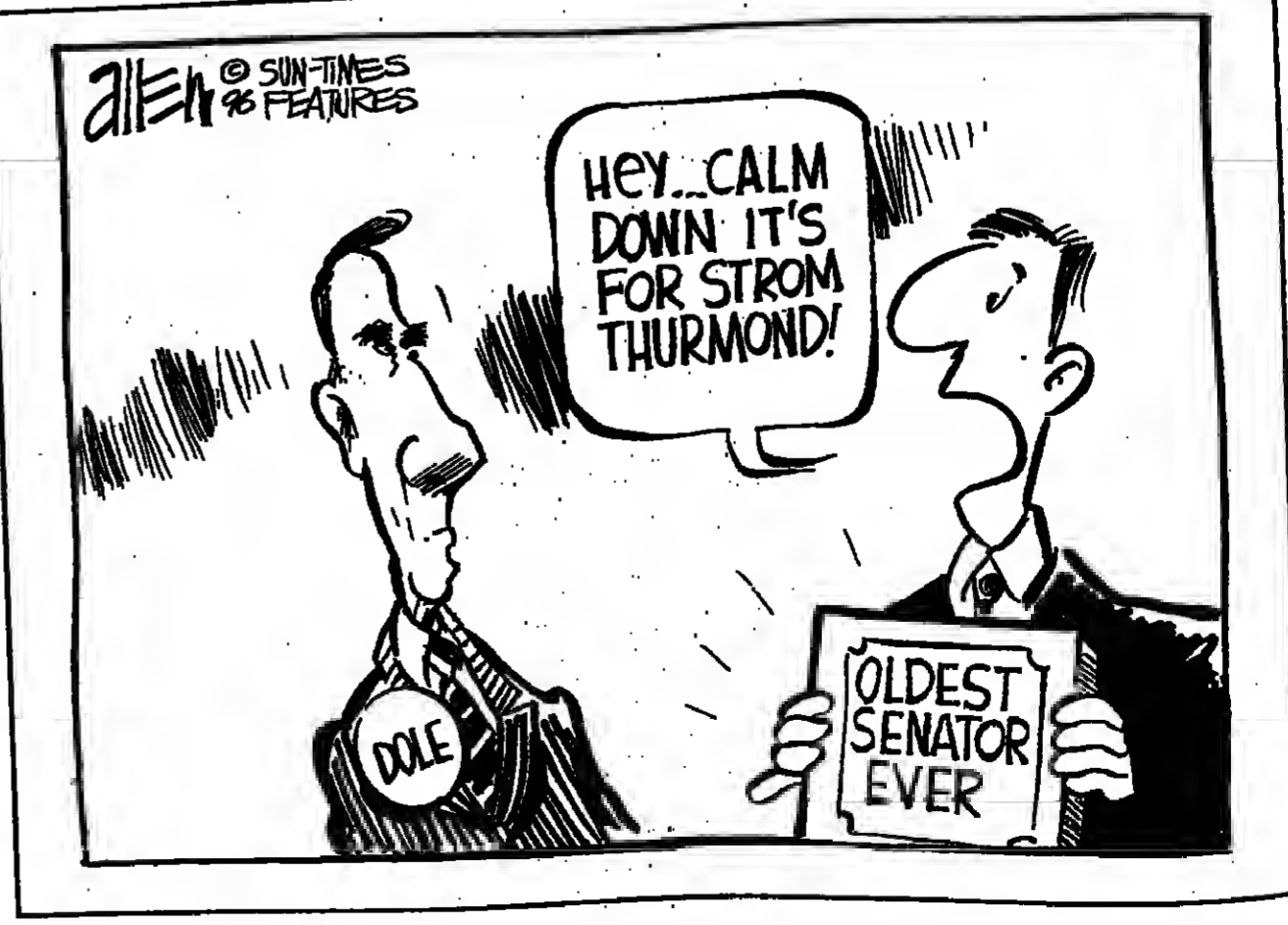
a formula that helped create 8.4 million jobs.)

When it comes to Whitewater, there's plenty of blame to go around. The Clintons acted like pols, like Lamar Alexander. They made a lot of money through connections and means that had a certain stench. There are the idiotic moves of smart Clinton staffers. George Stephanopoulos's charmed resume nearly came to a dramatic end when he erupted over the appointment of Jay Stephens as the head of the RTC's investigation. Stephens, it turned out, did a report that gave credence to the Clintons' claims that they did nothing wrong. There is Al D'Amaro, the "ethically challenged junior senator from New York" to use Pat Buchanan's phrase. His hearings have dragged on longer than Iran-contra; and where has he gotten? The Dems and he ought to extend the life of the committee for a few more months but call it quits after that. There's Ken Starr, whose appointment came under dubious circumstances, what with the involvement of federal Judge David Sentelle. And there are any number of pathetic sideshows. At the Little Rock trial of Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker and the McDougals, one of the jury alternates wears a Star Trek uniform to court every day. Sometimes the White House seems just as weird. Could the Clinton staff manage the first lady any worse? Stewart contended that access to the first lady was thwarted once it became clear that he was not going to be a patsy. The White House, Stewart contends, dissembled to the extreme. "This was the first time that people have gone off the record to give me information that proved to be false... if it wasn't knowingly false, it was negligently false." When it came to fact-checking his story, for instance, Stewart says the White House offered "no cooperatioo." That's typical. They're perennially trying to spin. When I covered the Clinton White House for U.S. News & World Report, the first lady would only agree to an interview if we would refrain from using her photo on the cover. The magazine rightly refused.

Thanks to Stewart, we get Whitewater: ambitious couple cuts corners. No capital offense — probably — but enough indiscretions to make one nauseous.

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## Time Running Out for Whitewater Panel

BY ROBERT NOVAK

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, facing an unbreakable Democratic filibuster against continuing his investigation of the Whitewater affair, has one last resort: transferring the probe to the Senate Banking Committee if the Special Whitewater Committee dies.

The special committee has the same membership as the Banking Committee, and both are chaired by D'Amato. When the special committee's authorization ended Feb. 29, its staff was quietly transferred to the parent Banking Committee.

But attempting to hold hearings under the auspices of the Banking Committee would evoke angry protests from Democrats. D'Amato, who first wanted an indefinite mandate for Whitewater hearings and then proposed four more months, probably would settle for a three-month extension. There is no sign that Democrats would agree to that compromise, and the chairman may have to revert to his fallback position.

### WHITE HOUSE DEBATE

Despite President Clinton's huge lead in the polls, a debate is under way inside the White House over how to respond to the slow-growth economy and concern among lower-income workers.

Campaign consultant Dick Morris, the principal architect of Clinton's political revival, is advising Clinton to continue to laud the economic progress made over the last three years without suggesting anything is amiss.

But Morris' rival, Deputy White House Chief of Staff Harold Ickes, is pushing a markedly different approach. He would have the president point to a gap in distribution of prosperity and suggest what the second Clinton administration would do about it in opposition to Republican forces.

### DOLE COOLING IT?

Sen. Bob Dole is being advised by many colleagues in the Senate to stay on the campaign trail, even though he has now clinched the Republican presidential nomination, rather than come back to Washington as full-time Senate majority leader.

That reflects deep-seated doubt in Senate GOP ranks that Dole will be able to score any notable legislative victories in the current climate. A key test of how much will be accomplished this year is whether the Senate is able to pass a product liability law, which is all that remains of the Republicans' legal reform agenda.

The Senate Republican leadership is trying to put together an "offensive" for this year concentrating on a balanced budget, welfare reform, crime and drugs. But this agenda will not be ready for several weeks, reflecting Dole's absence on the campaign trail and his refusal to delegate his duties.

### LABOR RESURGENT

Newly installed AFL-CIO President John Sweeney is taken seriously by conservative activists as making organized labor a major force in the 1996 elections.

In addition to engineering a 36 percent increase in membership dues to finance \$25 million of the \$35 million promised for political action this year, Sweeney may be able to broaden labor's impact thanks to new Federal Election Commission decisions. Those rulings concern the power of labor unions to advertise politically beyond their own membership.

The conservative response to Sweeney is to resume the push for a national right-to-work law barring compulsory union membership. Dole has agreed to seek a vote, but chances of getting the 60 votes needed to break a filibuster are slim.

### GOV. FEINSTEIN?

If Democrats do not regain control of the Senate in the 1996 elections, there is a chance that Sen. Dianne Feinstein may seek the governorship of California in 1998.

Feinstein ran in three costly statewide races in 1990, 1992 and 1994 before finally winning a six-year term in the Senate. But she is described by friends as unhappy with being in the Senate minority and looking to the governorship she lost to Republican Pete Wilson in 1990.

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# The unjust jailing of F. Lee Bailey

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

Though F. Lee Bailey does not belong in jail for failure to comply with a court order, the assistant United States attorney who got the judge to put Bailey in jail could himself end up on the wrong side of the bars — or at least of the bar — for his own actions in the confusing case that led to this brouhaha.

According to an article in the New Yorker magazine, Bailey, who was a member of the O.J. Simpson defense team, first got into trouble when another client he was representing — an alleged drug kingpin named Claude Duboc — told government lawyers that he owned 602,000 shares of stocks in a Canadian pharmaceutical company that he was willing to forfeit to the government in exchange for some consideration in sentencing. That is all too common in the bazaar we call plea bargaining.

### KICKER

Now here is the kicker. Duboc apparently had some inside information suggesting that the price of the stock would soon skyrocket, and he recommended that the government not sell the forfeited stock right away. The problem is that there is a Justice Department rule requiring that the government immediately sell all stocks that it received pursuant to a forfeiture order. The government should not be in the business of speculating in stocks especially since it has access to a great deal of inside information.

In order to circumvent this rule, prosecutors apparently gave the stock to Bailey. They claim he was holding it "in trust" for the government. If that is true, then the government was engaged in a scam somewhat akin to stock "parking," for which Michael Milken and others have gone to jail.

Bailey, on the other hand, says that the stock was given to him as his fee. If it went down in price, he would lose money, and if it went up — as it did — he should keep the profits. The government apparently agrees that Bailey did bear the risks of a loss, but it denies that he was supposed to keep the profits. Why any intelligent person would agree to such a "heads-I-win-tails-you-lose" deal has not been

satisfactorily explained by the government. All this could easily have been avoided had the government done what it is required to do — namely put any deal in writing. The idea that prosecutors handed millions of dollars over to Bailey without protecting their alleged interests with a contract or a court order boggles the mind. Even the prosecutors who made this handsake deal admitted that there may be "room for criticism." There is more than room for criticism if prosecutors "parked" stock in order to circumvent a rule against benefiting from "inside information."

But Bailey is the one who landed in jail, even before the legal issues in the case have been sorted out. He is essentially in paupers' prison, since he cannot raise the money the court is insisting that he raise. But paupers'

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prison was abolished decades ago — except apparently in the courtroom of the high-handed judge who ordered Bailey to stay in jail until he comes up with the disputed money.

The jailing of Bailey under these circumstances is a gross injustice. When there is a dispute over a contract — especially a vague oral agreement — one party does not ordinarily have the power to put the other party in jail, except if one party happens to be the government which has a judge on its side.

It is precisely this kind of high-handedness that makes so many Americans distrustful of government. The proper course of conduct in this case is for the dispute to be litigated in court, by a jury or a fair judge (not Judge Maurice Paul, who has a reputation for unfair-

ness and who seemed hell-bent on putting Bailey in prison). If Bailey wins, he keeps the money. If he loses, he will be required to return it. The government could then attach his assets to satisfy the judgment. But there is no basis — in law, logic or morality — for putting a civil defendant in jail before it is determined whether he owes any money to anyone. There may, however, be some basis for proceeding against a prosecutor who circumvented a rule by parking stocks to benefit from inside information.

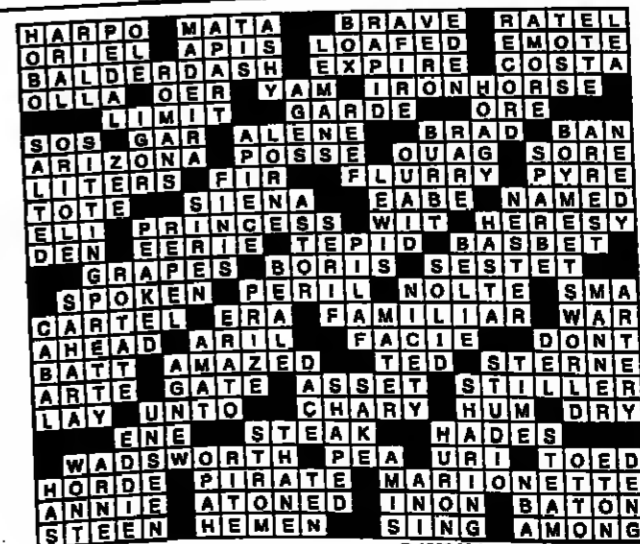
### FORUM

What is needed now is a neutral forum in which to litigate this complex case fairly. Three people are on trial: F. Lee Bailey; the prosecutor who arranged this sleazy deal; and the judge who did not adequately supervise the plea bargain and who is acting more like a prosecutor than a judicial officer. The case should now be moved to the court of claims, or some other forum in which the judge and the prosecutor can also be judged, along with Bailey. Only then can both the appearance and the reality of justice be served.

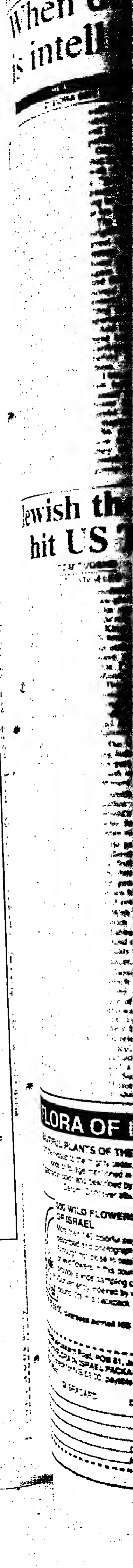
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# When dumb is intelligent

HEADS N TAILS  
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

**T**HE term "dumb animals" does not refer to their intelligence so much as their inability to speak. But dogs can make a point or tell you what they want without words. They can whimper, whine, bark and growl; and their body language includes tail wagging, paw waving and ear cocking.

Many animals learn that certain actions produce the desired results — one pet terrier used to bring me his empty food dish. And if I was late getting home he would pick up his dish and go scratch at the neighbor's door!

For an animal to behave like this, it must have found out — and remembered — what works for it in a given situation. A dog or cat which remembers that a refrigerator contains edible treats will often gaze wistfully at this source of goodies.

One day a girl sat on my dog's pillow. The dog was thoroughly upset and crowded onto the pillow next to the usurper.

Since then, whenever the girl enters the house, the dog goes at once to her pillow and lies on it with a clear message: This is mine!

And there are numerous stories of dogs warning their owners of danger, or leading them to an injured person. There are also

well-documented cases of dogs taking it upon themselves to go and procure help for an injured person.

One man in Tel Aviv tells me that he had an elderly neighbor with whom his sole contact was a "good morning" when they passed on the street. One morning he was awakened by a noise at his front door.

The dog at the door was the neighbor's pet. It was barking in great agitation, running a few meters in the direction of its home and then returning to bark again. The man followed the dog and found the neighbor unconscious at home. (The dog had entered and left by the little "dog door" at the back of the apartment.)

And in Japan there's a widely held belief that cats warn of earthquakes some minutes before humans are aware of them.

I heard dozens of people there tell how their cats' agitation caused them to run out of the house only moments before a quake struck and the building collapsed.

So animals certainly know how to communicate. In fact they do rather well without speech — and at least they don't gossip or talk nonsense.

# Hadassah's role in defeating the Nazis

**K**ing Fahd of Saudi Arabia surely remembers that as a young man he received medical treatment at Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus. The war was then raging in Europe; and Palestine, with a surfeit of medics who had fled Hitler, was an island of high-quality medical treatment.

Prince Fahd was not the only Arab VIP who availed himself of "Zionist" medicine. Nakdimon Rogel, who researched documents that Hadassah recently transferred to the Zionist Archives in Jerusalem, cites quite a number.

In the recent issue of the bimonthly *Et-Mol*, Rogel mentions, among others, the brother-in-law of a Jordanian prince; a princess of the Druse el-Atrash clan; Iraq's future king Faisal II; the Palestinian ultranationalist Awmi Abdul-Hadi; and the mother and wife of the Persian Shah. From Baghdad, came Nuri Said's spouse and his chief of police.

Did politics how to medicine? Not exactly.

In addition to the British, there were Polish, Czech, Yugoslav and Greek armies stationed in Palestine. And

American airmen in particular regarded Hadassah as an American institution to which they could go whenever the need arose. Hadassah earmarked \$1,000 to provide the Free French with surgery equipment, cushions and blankets. A wheelchair was specially repaired in Tel Aviv to serve a French soldier who had lost both his legs.

One day in December 1942, a French flight officer, Lt. Larski, asked Hadassah Hospital head Dr. Haim Yassky to help him test an idea for an unconventional weapon.

Larski believed that if soldiers were submitted to a barrage of radio waves from a distance of 3 km., they would lose control of their nervous system and their ability to fight.

Dr. Yassky took the matter seriously, notes Rogel. He set up a committee, mainly of doctors, but which also included Prof. Shmuel Samhurski, the head of the Hebrew University's physics department, to examine Larski's idea. And he insisted that all tests be approved by the British military authorities.

Several weeks later, however,

THERE AND THEN  
SRAYA SHAPIRO

Dr. Yassky was informed that Larski's suggestion had been examined in Britain and was found to be inoperative. London did not believe electromagnetic waves could achieve the desired effect.

Some medico-political flirting with the Yugoslavs in 1944 petered out, in spite of promising beginnings.

During a visit to London, Moshe Shertok (later Sharett) secured Churchill's blessing for his suggestion to send Jewish "Palestinians" to Tito-held parts of Yugoslavia, with the double task of helping Jews and securing information for the allies.

ON THE British side, delays were caused by fears that the project might anger the Arabs; but also because, if successful, it would place Britain in the Zionists' debt, says Rogel.

On his way back to Jerusalem, Sharett was approached in Cairo by Tito's representative. The Yugoslavs would help such "Palestinian" efforts to save Jews from the Nazis if the Zionists gave medical assis-

tance to the Yugoslavs. Sharett agreed.

Some 50 beds could be made available for the project immediately, with another 50 when a new maternity ward was ready on Mount Scopus. But when Yassky asked for approval from Yehuda Magnes, president of the Hebrew University, and wartime representative of Hadassah in Jerusalem, there were complications. It transpired that Hadassah had pledged to reserve 80 beds for American airmen.

Moreover, Hadassah had a written engagement to help the Yugoslav government-in-exile in London — which Tito was fighting.

And Reuven Zaslani (later Shiloah), Sharett's intelligence man, discovered that the Yugoslavs were scared lest the Jewish refugees from Hungary got stuck during their passage through Tito-held territory.

Meanwhile the Yugoslav medical mission in Cairo decided that Yugoslav sick and wounded would be better directed to hospitals in Bari (southern Italy) and Egypt.

But the mission was prepared

to welcome a delegation of doctors and nurses, and drugs of the kind used in continental Europe, as opposed to those prepared according to British and American specifications.

Everything collapsed after Belgrade was liberated in October 1944. Almost immediately, Rogel notes, Tito showed animosity toward the Zionists.

Some five months later, however, the Yugoslav liaison officer in Jerusalem, Dr. Meir Weltman, asked if Hadassah could supply an urgently needed serum to fight a typhoid epidemic in Yugoslavia. Dr. Weltman, head of the Yugoslav immigrants' association in Palestine, passed the request to Sharett, asking if the Jewish Agency would fork out 500 Palestine pounds for 10 liters of serum from the Hadassah Hospital.

The deal was delayed when one of Sharett's staff insisted that the appeal should be made to the Jewish Agency, not to a private individual. When such a letter arrived, the serum was duly delivered, and the Jewish Agency was profusely thanked for its contribution to the general war effort.

# Jewish themes hit US TV

TOM TUGEND  
LOS ANGELES

**M**AYBE it's because Pessah, Easter and Holocaust Remembrance Week all fall in April, but next month American television has prepared an unusually varied fare of specials on religious themes and Christian-Jewish relations during World War II.

As a kind of prelude, three documentary films will be in contention at tomorrow's Academy Awards.

*Anne Frank Remembered* throws new light on Miss Gies and other heroic Dutch Gentiles, who tried desperately to sustain and protect the Frank family.

*One Survivor Remembers* documents the experiences of Gerda Klein, who survived three years of forced labor, camps and a death march.

*Never Give Up* narrates the remarkable life of 91-year-old Herbert Zipper, who organized secret concerts at Dachau and for the past 50 years has brought classical music to American inner-city schools.

The most interesting of the TV specials promises to be *Shetl*, which explores the Polish village of Bransk, whose 2,500 Jews made up 60 percent of the population and who were killed in Treblinka's gas chambers in just one day.

*Shetl* was filmed over a four-year period in Poland, Israel and the US, and evolved into a penetrating examination of relations between Polish Jews and Gentiles before, during and after the war.

Filmmaker Marian Marzynski, himself a Holocaust survivor, teamed up with a young Christian Pole, who has been trying to reconstruct the life and death of Bransk's Jews.

A two-part miniseries, simply titled *Moses*, will also air. Described as a "surprisingly

modern" interpretation of the law-giver's life and death, the film stars Ben Kingsley in the title role.

Kingsley credits his role in *Schindler's List* with giving him an understanding of "people who have survived. It's their spirit that I've tried to breathe into *Moses*."

The production team for *Moses* previously produced three other films on biblical themes, succinctly titled *Abraham*, *Jacob*, and *Joseph*. Coming up next is *Samson and Delilah*.

The world's religions, including Judaism, will be explored in a six-part series in *The Wisdom of Faith with Huston Smith: A Bill Moyers Special*.

Smith, a noted historian and author of the best-selling *The World's Religions*, is a Methodist who has immersed himself in other religions.

He gained a special insight into Judaism, which he describes as "a living conversation between the human and divine that goes on generation after generation," when his daughter married a Jew and converted.

With her and his son-in-law, Smith has frequently observed Shabbat and the Seder, and he found solace in Jewish mourning rituals when his daughter died of cancer.

*Survivors of the Holocaust*, which uses the first-hand testimony of survivors to trace the fate of European Jewry from the pre-war years to the freeing of the concentration camps and their lives since liberation, will be released in a 70-minute bome video, which also includes a discussion with Steven Spielberg and a behind-the-scenes tour of his *Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation*, which co-produced the documentary.

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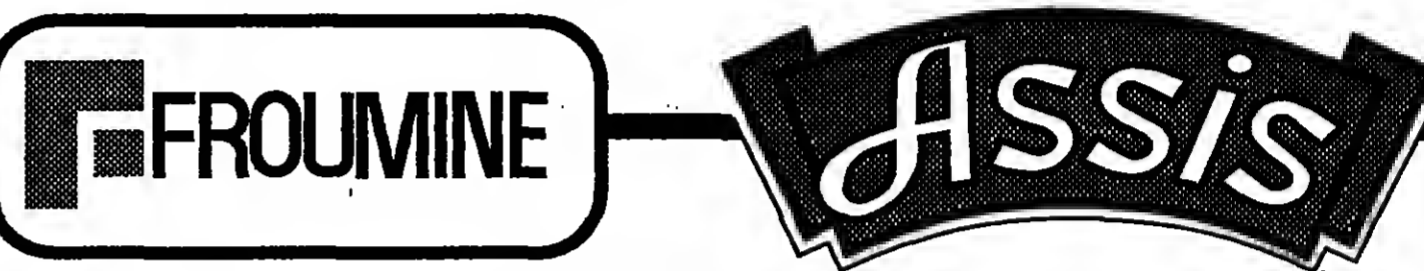


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# Mississippi St. knocks out UConn

## Syracuse, Kentucky, Cincy, Georgetown, UMass, Kansas, Wake Forest also win

LEXINGTON, Kentucky — Doron Sheffer and his Connecticut teammates were upset in the NCAA basketball tournament Friday, as Mississippi State, led by Darryl Wilson's 27 points, defeated the Huskies 60-55 in the Southeast Regional semifinals.

At the West semis in Denver, John Wallace's three-pointer with 2.8 seconds left in overtime capped a wild finish as fourth seed Syracuse rallied from a nine-point deficit in the final three minutes of regulation and defeated eighth-seeded Georgia 83-81.

In the Western final today, Syracuse will face second seed Kansas, which rallied to a nail-biting, seesaw 83-80 win over third seed Arizona.

Fourth-seeded Mississippi State, which upset mighty Kentucky in the Southeastern Conference tournament championship game, will play second seed Cincinnati, an easy 87-70 winner over third-seeded Georgia Tech, in the Southeast final today.

Meanwhile, in the Midwest regional final late last night, Wake Forest took on tournament favorites and top seed Kentucky, while in the East, top seed Massachusetts and second-seeded Georgetown battled it out.

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL**  
Mississippi State 60  
Connecticut 55

Mississippi State's Darryl Wilson made seven 3-pointers and finished with 27 points in leading the fifth-seeded Bulldogs to victory over Connecticut Friday night.

In the Southeastern Conference championship game two weeks ago, Wilson made four 3s and scored 22 points as Mississippi State shocked then No. 1 Kentucky.

Wilson made his first five shots — four of them 3s — to help Mississippi State seize control of the game and slow Connecticut's up-tempo style.

While Wilson's long-range shooting produced five 3s and helped Mississippi State take a 16-point lead in the first half, his flip shot in the lane with the shot clock winding down and 1:30 left

gave Mississippi State a 57-50 lead.

Connecticut (33-2), which tied the game at 2 but never led, shot a season-low 32 percent (22-of-68) and never got untracked against Mississippi State's pressing defense. The Bulldogs have held opponents to 33% shooting in the tournament.

All-American guard Ray Allen's game typified Connecticut's offensive problems. The junior made just 9-of-25 shots and finished with 23 points.

"The notion of passing was not in our mind tonight," said Allen. "We didn't pass the ball like we have all year."

Mississippi State, which averaged 17 turnovers during the season, made only 10 against the Orangemen.

Wilson's first two 3s came during an 8-0 run that put Mississippi State ahead 10-2 early in the first half. He scored four points in a 10-2 spurt as the margin increased to 33-16 at 6:32.

UConn made a furious second-half charge to cut the lead to three and forced a 10-second backcourt violation by the Bulldogs, giving the Huskies a chance to tie the game.

But Allen missed an off-balance three-point attempt with 12 seconds left and Erick Dampier was fouled battling for the rebound. Dampier calmly converted two free throws with 10.4 seconds left to give Mississippi State a 60-55 lead.

Allen and Sheffer missed three-point attempts in the final seconds.

Sheffer, in the last game of his college career, had only 10 points and 5 assists on the night on 3-14 shooting from the field, including 2-7 from three-point range and 2-2 from the free-throw line.

Cincinnati 87, Georgia Tech 70  
Cincinnati (28-4) raced to a 26-9 lead in the first 12 minutes and went on to beat Georgia Tech easily at Lexington.

The Bearcats last advanced to the Final Eight in 1993, losing in the East Regional final to North Carolina in overtime.

Damon Flint led six Cincinnati players in double figures with 18 points.

Stephon Marbury led Georgia Tech (24-12) with 15 points, but hit just 4-of-13 shots from the field.

**WEST REGIONAL**  
Syracuse 83, Georgia 81 (OT)

John Wallace hit a 3-pointer with 2.8 seconds left, lifting Syracuse to a wild 83-81 overtime victory over Georgia at Denver.

Wallace, playing the final 17 minutes with four fouls, scored Syracuse's last 10 points in overtime.

His two free throws made it 75-75 with 2:06 left. Then he had a three-point play with 1:07 to go, a layup with 14.8 seconds left and, finally, the clincher from the top of the key.

The second-team AP All-America finished with 30 points and 15 rebounds. Teammate Otis Hill had 19 points and 11 rebounds before fouling out with 48 seconds remaining.

Shandon Anderson led Georgia with 22 points and 13 rebounds, Katu Davis had 21 and Perth Robinson added 19.

Robinson hit a 15-footer on Georgia's third shot at the basket with 3.5 seconds left in regulation, apparently giving the Bulldogs a victory.

But Jason Cipolla, taking a long inbound pass from Wallace, made a 10-foot baseline jumper at the buzzer to force overtime at 70-70.

Anderson had a steal and layup to start the overtime, and Anderson later rebounded a missed free throw and was fouled, hitting two from the line for a 75-72 lead.

Georgia overcame a cold-shooting first half to take control early in the second half, hitting five 3-pointers in the first five minutes of the half.

**Kansas 83, Arizona 80**  
Kansas pulled out its comeback win over Arizona in Denver on Jerod Haase's three-pointer with 36 seconds to play after the Jayhawks had blown a 12-point lead.

B.J. Williams, who averaged 4.4 points per game this season, had 18 points off the bench for Kansas (29-4).

Michael Dickerson scored 21 points for Arizona (26-7), which had a 14-point lead in the first half and used a 17-4 run in the second half to take a 77-74 lead with less than two minutes to play.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL**  
Wake Forest 60, Louisville 59

Tim Duncan's three-point play with 1:16 to play put Wake Forest ahead and the second seeds in the Midwest region held on for a nail-biting win over Louisville in Minneapolis on Thursday.

After Duncan, who finished with 27 points, 13 rebounds and seven blocked shots, gave Wake Forest its narrow lead, his teammates on the bench could barely bring themselves to watch as sixth-seeded Louisville played for a final shot.

But DeJuan Wheat's potential game winner — a running eight-footer — bounced off the rim and the Cardinals were unable to get a follow shot as Wake Forest (26-5) advanced to the NCAA regional finals for the first time since 1962.

Samaki Walker scored 16 points and Tick Rogers added 13 for Louisville (22-12), which had upset third seed Villanova in the second round.

**Kentucky 101, Utah 70**  
Antoine Walker scored 13 of his 19 points in the first half when Kentucky built a 22-point lead en route to a 31-point pounding of third seed Utah.

Derek Anderson had 18 points and Tony Deik and Anthony Epps added 14 apiece for Kentucky, which has won its three NCAA Tournament games by an average margin of 31 points to advance to the regional finals for the second year in a row.

Keith Van Horn scored 23 points and Ben Caton added 22 for Utah (27-7), whose 21 turnovers under constant pressure led to 30 Kentucky points.

Kentucky (31-2) dictated the tempo from the start, racing to 36-14 halftime lead. The Wildcats scored the first eight points of the

second half to open a 64-34 bulge and held its biggest lead at 82-49 after a layup by Epps with 9:26 left.

**EAST REGIONAL**  
Massachusetts 79  
Arkansas 63

In Atlanta, Tyrone Weeks, starting for star center Marcus Camby, scored 16 points as Massachusetts halted the Cinderella run of 12th-seeded Arkansas.

Weeks, who was inserted into the starting lineup by coach John Calipari after Camby missed the team bus to the Georgia Dome, made all four of his first-half shots for 10 points, four rebounds and two blocked shots in 13 minutes.

Camby added 15 points and Edgar Padilla 14 for the Minutemen (34-1), who led 40-24 at the half en route to earning a return trip to the East regional final.

Pat Bradley scored 15 points and Kareem Reid added 12 for Arkansas (20-13), which had upset fifth seed Penn State and fourth seed Marquette despite losing 10 of the players who got the Razorbacks into the championship game last year.

**Georgetown 98, Texas Tech 90**  
Earlier in Atlanta, Allen Iverson scored 32 points as Georgetown erased a 10-point first-half deficit with a 17-0 second-half burst to hold off stubborn third seeds Texas Tech 98-90 in the other East semifinal at Atlanta.

Othella Harrington added 23 points before fouling out with 7:52 to play for Georgetown (29-7), which advanced to the regional finals for the first time since 1989.

Jason Sasser scored 25 points for Texas Tech (30-2), which saw its 23-game winning streak snapped. Texas Tech has been eliminated by a Big East Conference opponent in its last four NCAA Tournament appearances.

The Red Raiders led 61-56 when Iverson and Georgetown took off, scoring the next 17 points to take control of the game. (AP, Reuter)

# Friedman wins silver in Haifa

HEATHER CHAIT

ISRAEL'S windsurfing representative in the 1996 Olympic Games will be 20-year-old Gal Friedman, runner-up in the World Windsurfing Championships which ended yesterday in Haifa.

Nikos Kaldamanakis of Greece, European champion in 1994, confirmed his number one world ranking by winning the gold medal.

Valenso Garcia from Argentina took the bronze medal.

The much-discussed rivalry between European silver medalist Friedman and Amir Inbar fizzled out yesterday, when Inbar finished in a lowly 27th place.

Coming into the competition, Friedman had to beat Inbar by at least two places to win the Olympic berth. Amir Levinson, 19, who finished in seventh place overall and in third spot for his last sail, ultimately provided more of a race for Friedman.

It was the wind that had the final say in the end.

Yesterday's light breeze, which delayed the last race by two hours, eminently suited Friedman, who ended his final race in eighth place.

On Friday, when the morning winds were slightly gustier, Friedman finished in 35th place, but as they died down he improved to close his second race in second.

Throughout the tournament, Friedman maintained an excellent

standard, ending six of his seven final round races between second and eighth positions.

"My intention was to win a medal," said Friedman after the competition. "Now I hope to represent Israel honorably in the Olympics."

National team coach Gur Steinberg said afterwards, "Gal was ready and relaxed for this tournament. He knew he had the ability. On Thursday, he was still competing with Amir but later he was just going for the medal."

Four years of intensive training since the Barcelona Olympics, where he finished fourth, came to naught yesterday for Inbar — whose scores ranged from 24-49 in five of his seven final round sails.

For 24-year-old Inbar this turn of events will likely put an end to his professional career.

Amir Levinson, on the other hand, finished his last two sails in eighth and third places respectively for a highly creditable seventh place overall.

Among the women, France's Maud Herbert, took the gold medal for her second successive year. China's Le Jin Lee won the silver, while Jane Fenner-Bendict from the US captured the bronze.

For Israel, Michal Hein ended in 22nd spot and 17-year-old Sivan Yosef in 50th place.

## Behr wins TA tourney

HEATHER CHAIT

TWO weeks before the Davis Cup tie against Spain in Ramat Hasharon, Israel's third ranked player Noam Behr now presents a real threat to second ranked Eyal Erlich.

Behr won the Masters stage of the Club Hotel Eilat satellite in Tel Aviv on Friday, beating the three top seeds on his way to the title.

In the final, sixth seeded Behr dismissed Sweden's Lars Jonsson, the second seed, 6-4, 6-1.

To reach the final, Behr beat the top seed Ignacio Trujillo from Spain in the semifinals, avenging the 6-1, 6-2 defeat Trujillo inflicted on him two weeks ago in Haifa. This time, Behr subdued Trujillo 6-1, 1-6, 6-3. In the quarterfinals, Behr, 300 on the ATP list, beat third seed Erlich (267) 6-3, 6-4.

Besides increasing his chances of representing Israel in the Davis Cup singles matches, Behr also collected 48 ATP points over the four-week satellite. Erlich earned only 24 points. Behr also added the doubles title to his credit, winning with Filippo Veglio from Switzerland against Damien Roberts and Kevin Uilyett in the final, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

# Rodman tone in interview quite different from printed 'apology'

CHICAGO (AP) — Head-buttng a referee? Taking on the National Basketball Association hierarchy? So what, Dennis Rodman wasn't about to admit he was wrong.

So the Chicago Bulls did it for him.

Yet even as the team's damage-control department prepared a statement of apology with Rodman's name on it last week, the volatile — and nonrepentant — forward used his radio show to charge the NBA with treating him unfairly and to insist that he's "no psycho problem child."

"I've been holding back, holding back. I'm very emotional and very high-strung about certain things, but when you've been teased and pushed so much in every game, it's hard to hold back," Rodman said on WMVP-AM, which pays him to go on the air twice a week.

"It's hard for me to change. What am I doing in the game that no one else is doing? People hold me, people pin me down, people hit me, people do everything to me. I don't get a fair shake. I don't give a damn if I'm Dennis Rodman or Michael Jordan or Scottie Pippen or Charles Barkley, you don't just put somebody out and say, 'Let's make him the example.'"

Rodman, who has served two games of his six-game suspension, went on to tell his radio audience that he'd like a private audience with David Stern so he could ask the NBA commissioner, "What's the difference between me and everybody else in this league?"

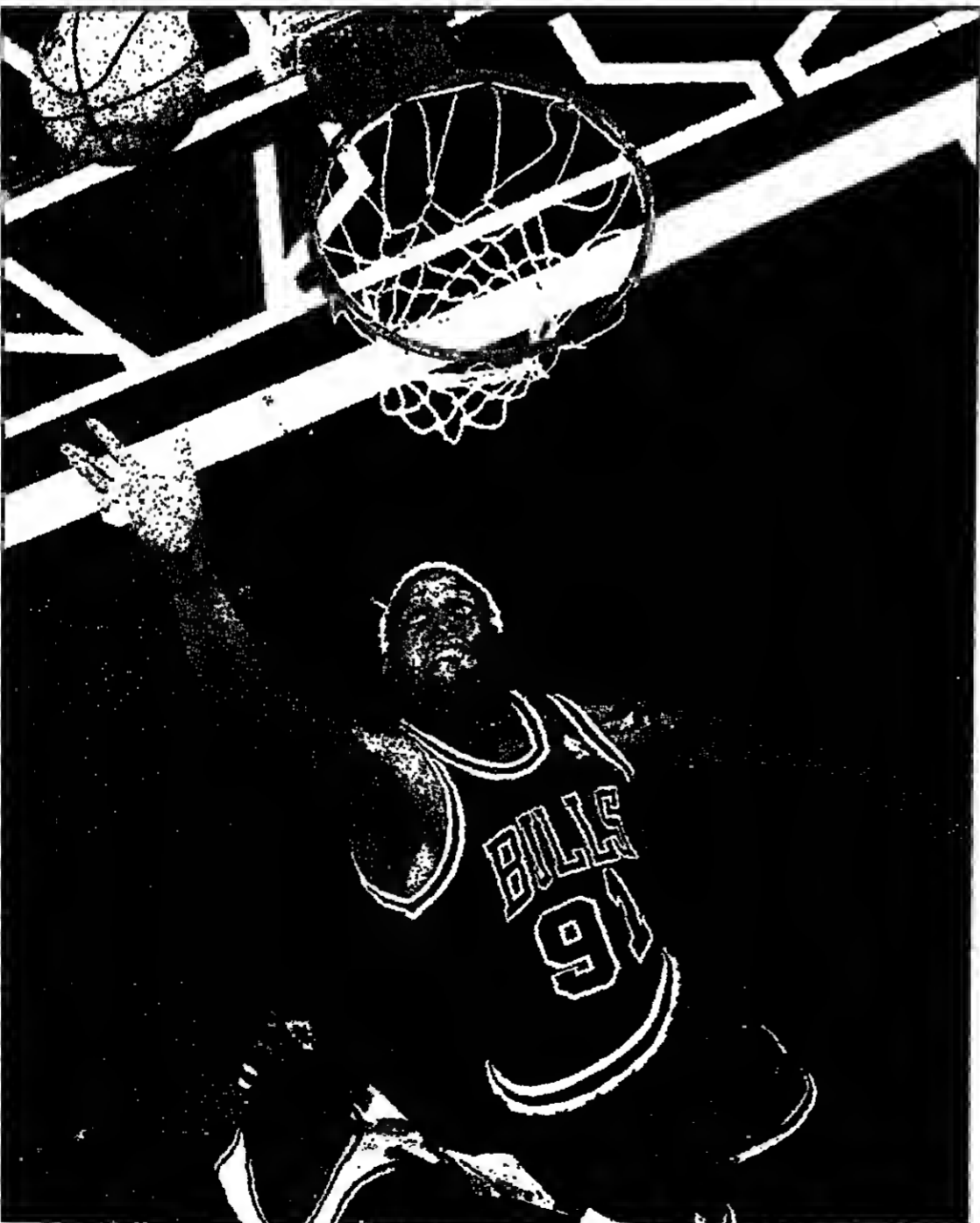
Stern and his senior vice president, Rod Thorn, suspended Rodman for head-butting referee Ted Bernhardt during last Saturday's game at New Jersey.

Rodman, who has been charged with 23 technical fouls this season and has had run-ins with officials for years, also knocked over a cooler, stripped off his jersey and shouted obscenities before leaving the court. Afterward, he dared Stern and Thorn to suspend him.

Embarrassed by the incident, the Bulls presented a written apology to the media and attributed it to Rodman.

"I was wrong in making contact with any NBA official and I deserved to be punished for my actions, although I do believe they (the sanctions) are severe."

"I realize that the NBA referees are doing their jobs and it's my job to respect them and the rules of the game and not put my teammates in jeopardy. Chicago Bulls fans and my teammates have treated me with great warmth and acceptance and I realize I let them



SUSPENDED ANIMATION — Dennis Rodman jumps through hoops for no one, not even the NBA brass.

down. I have an obligation ... to not let them down again.

"My sole aim from now until June will be to help bring the NBA championship back home to Chicago."

Several teammates doubt that Rodman even saw the apology, let alone authored it.

"As long as he comes back, plays hard and stays out of trouble, it doesn't matter to me if he apologizes or not," guard Steve Kerr said. "He can show that he's sorry better than he says it."

Said center Luc Longley: "He doesn't need to tell us anything. We know that he knows he can't

keep doing those things. There isn't any question that we're disappointed as a team."

The San Antonio Spurs traded Rodman, one of the league's best rebounders ever, to Chicago before this season because they felt his volatile personality undermined their attempts to win titles in 1994 and 1995.

Michael Jordan, desperate to win a championship, has been Rodman's most critical teammate after having supported Rodman through earlier, more minor incidents.

"It's very disappointing," Jordan said. "He really let every-

body who gave him an opportunity to prove himself ... down. We have to be able to count on him."

"A lot of what you see in Dennis is his image and persona. He has continued to feed off that and that's very dangerous to this team's success."

Even without Rodman, the Bulls have continued to roll toward a league-record 70-victory season, despite All-Star forward Scottie Pippen getting injured.

"It's a challenge," said Jordan, who has had to shoulder the burden. "And I love challenges."

# Indians threaten to be even more dominating this season

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — As good as the Cleveland Indians were in 1995, hitting coach Charlie Manuel is convinced they can be even better.

"I've seen some good offensive teams — the Big Red Machine in the '70s with George Foster, Johnny Bench, Tony Perez, and Baltimore with Frank Robinson and Boog Powell, some good hitters," Manuel said. "But for balance — and the designated hitter helps that — we have the most talented hitting team I've seen."

Statistically, the 1995 Indians were one of the best teams baseball has seen in years. Cleveland led the majors with a .291 batting average, the team's best since 1936, and also led in runs (840), hits (1,461) and home runs (a franchise-record 207).

The Indians also had the best power hitter in the league (Albert Belle, 50 home runs) and the leading base stealer (Ken Griffey Jr., 54 steals).

Some of those raw numbers, of course, could improve this year simply because there will be a full 162-game schedule instead of last year's strike-shortened 144 games. But Manuel also sees other avenues for growth:

- Several players (Manny Ramirez, Jim Thome and Sandy Alomar) probably have better years in them than they had last year.
- Julio Franco should be a more consistent hitter than Paul Sorrento, whom Franco replaced at first base.
- The bench should be better with the addition of Jeremy Burnitz and Scott Lewis.

"Last year our bench was probably the weakest part of our offense," Manuel said. "Dave Winfield had a bad shoulder, and we also asked him to do a role that was hard for him, coming off the bench for the first time in his career. He was hurting all year."

Despite all they accomplished last season, Cleveland's hitters have been as dedicated as ever this spring, Manuel said, perhaps because of the unsettling way their season ended — a one-hit shutout by Atlanta's Tom Glavine in Game 6 of the World Series.

"We would definitely like to play Atlanta again, yes," Manuel said. "But mostly, these players just want to get to the World Series again. This spring, our players seem to be very into it, very hungry."

Glavine beat the Indians 4-3 in Game 2 of the series, and they were unable to break through against him the second time around the way they had against his teammate, Greg Maddux. Cleveland lost to Maddux 3-2 in Game 1 but came back to beat him 5-4 in Game 5.

"We had a lot of information on Glavine," Manuel said. "We knew what pitches he had, and we knew what he was going to try to do with us."

"But the game got off kind of slow. The first three or four innings, we didn't have any success. Then we started trying too hard, swinging too hard, chasing more balls out of the strike zone. It was a game that had no life, no action."

It seemed to reinforce the image of the Indians as a fastball-hitting team, an image that Manuel says is mistaken.

"When we really have a game plan, like we did against Greg Maddux, we get focused and we're prepared to go. When we stick to our game plan, that's when we're successful," Manuel said.

The studying Cleveland's hitters did during the series was typical of what they do all the time, Manuel said.

"These guys love to hit. Sometimes we don't have enough arms to throw batting practice," he said.

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Newcastle falls out of first place

LONDON (Reuter) - Newcastle's championship hopes took a body blow when they lost 2-0 at Arsenal yesterday...

United, who play Tottenham at Old Trafford today, went top on goal difference and enjoyed an outstanding day without even playing as third-placed Liverpool...

Both Manchester United and Newcastle have 64 points but United have scored 28 more goals than they have conceded...

Young reserve center-back Scott Marshall, making only his eighth first-team appearance, scored his first goal for Arsenal with a powerful third minute header.

Ian Wright scored the second in the 17th minute after Newcastle defender Warren Barton lost possession in his own half.

Forest, thumped 5-1 at home by Bayern Munich in the UEFA Cup on Tuesday, recovered to beat Liverpool 1-0 with a 42nd minute Steve Stone goal.

At the other end of the table, Bolton moved off the bottom for the first time since December 12 when they came from behind to beat Sheffield Wednesday 2-1 at home...

Arsenal, in pursuit of a UEFA Cup place next season, have had a significant say in the title race this week, having lost at Manchester United on Wednesday.

But there was only going to be one winner at Highbury almost from the time Marshall put the Gunners ahead from a Paul Merson corner...

Newcastle fell further behind when Barton lost the ball to Nigel Winterburn just inside his own half 14 minutes later.



Newcastle's Faustino Asprilla (left) fights for the ball with David Platt (center) and Scott Marshall of Arsenal during a Premier League match at Highbury yesterday.

He played the ball in to Ian Wright, who coolly clipped home his 20th goal of the season, his 142nd for the club but his first since his transfer request was turned down two weeks ago.

Newcastle went close half-a-dozen times before the break but made no real impact until late in the second half.

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Mac. Haifa crushes Betar in Jerusalem

MACCABI Tel Aviv's crushing 5-0 defeat of Hapoel Beersheba and Maccabi Haifa's stunning away win over Betar Jerusalem appear to have narrowed the National League title chase down to just two runners.

The Tel Avivians continue to keep up the momentum at the top with a five-point lead over Haifa, who themselves are now four points ahead of Hapoel Haifa and Betar.

Things are still very unclear at the bottom, with half the table in line for a relegation spot. At the moment, however, Hapoel Kfar Sava and Maccabi Jaffa occupy the two slots which lead directly to the Second Division.

The Second Division race also looks to be turning into a two-horse race, with Hapoel Taiba and Hapoel Jerusalem pulling well clear of the rest of the field.

Most worrying, however, is the plight of Maccabi Netanya. The club of former greatness is now in danger of being relegated to the Third Division.

Bet. Jerusalem 0, Mac. Haifa 2. After soaking up the early Betar pressure, Haifa went ahead in the 28th minute when Sergei Kadamov stormed down the middle of the field, then moved the ball rightwards to Haim Revivo.

After sprinting some 20 meters to the edge of the Jerusalem area, Kadamov received Revivo's pass and slammed the ball into Itzik Kornfein's goal.

Nir-Davidovich, once again preferred to Rafi Cohen between Haifa's posts, conceded a penalty before half-time when he was adjudged to have brought down Eli Ohana. Nevertheless, the 19-year-old keeper quickly acquitted himself by parrying Stefan Saloi's poorly-taken spot kick.

Saloi almost made amends for his miss when he hit the crossbar with a long-range effort in the final minutes of the first half.

Predictably, a chorus of boos followed the blowing of the halftime whistle, as the home support began to fear the worst.

The second half continued in a similar vein, with Betar seeing plenty of the ball, but having Ohana, Saloi, and Yossi Abukhis quickly neutralized by stout defensive coverage.

Betar's best chance of the game was completely squandered by Ohana in the 69th minute. Shmuel Levy delivered a trademarking pass that beat both Davidovich and the Haifa back line, only for Ohana to misfire from one meter out.

Within two minutes, a Haifa victory was assured. Another mercurial break saw Haim Revivo foil the Betar defense, finding Alan Hazan unmarked on the edge of the box. In stark contrast to Ohana's effort, the ball was cleanly delivered into goal by Hazan.

Hazan almost had his name on the scoreboard again in the 82nd minute, when he almost walked the ball into goal through a dazed Jerusalem defense.

Credit must be given to the Jerusalemites, who refused to give up. Eli Cohen's men came despairingly close with two late efforts. The first in the 86th minute was by Saloi, who

Jerusalem 4-0 and were also a man short for most of the match. This time, however, the problems of the club's impending sale to private investors appear to have got to the players and they were unable to perform on the day.

Bael Yehuda 1, Mac. Jaffa 1. Yaroo Drori put visitors Jaffa ahead from the penalty spot just after the restart, and Sahar Mizrahi replied for the Haikva Quarter side.

Ilan Netzer's sending off 12 minutes from time failed to change the equilibrium in the match.

Hapoel Kfar Sava 1, Ironi Rishon 2. Two goals by visitors Rishon from the feet of Vladimir Greshanyev did the damage and sank Kfar Sava to the bottom spot in the standings.

Koby Refuah's 44th minute penalty, canceling out Greshanyev's first goal, also a penalty, was not enough to see the hosts survive against the mid-table team.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

English soccer players to face trial. In a surprisingly quick decision, a magistrate ruled Friday that three Premier League players must face trial charged with fixing matches in England's biggest soccer bribery scandal in 30 years.

Stackhouse, Ceballos suspended. Rookie Jerry Stackhouse of the Philadelphia 76ers was fined \$7,500 and suspended for two games without pay for punching Utah Jazz guard Jeff Hornacek in Wednesday's game.

Bulls avenge loss against Knicks. Michael Jordan had 36 points and 11 rebounds Thursday night and the Chicago Bulls avenged their worst loss of the season as they beat the New York Knicks 107-86.

ARL wins court order against rebels. The Australian Rugby League (ARL), trying to rescue its competition from a mass defection of top players, won a temporary court order on Friday stopping the rebels from taking further steps to form their own rival league.

Mattingly hints at '97 return. Don Mattingly said he will not play this season, but the former New York Yankees first baseman has not ruled out a return to baseball.

NHL results. On Friday in the NHL it was Montreal 4, Buffalo 1; Detroit 7, Colorado 0; Chicago 4, New Jersey 2; Ottawa 1, Hartford 1; Anaheim 6, St. Louis 1; Winnipeg 4, Philadelphia 1; San Jose 2, Calgary 1 (OT); and Vancouver 5, Dallas 2.

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Barcelona, Bayern Munich to meet in UEFA semifinals

LAUSANNE (AP) - Former European champions Bayern Munich and Barcelona will collide in the semifinals of the UEFA Cup, disappointing those who hoped for a showdown in the finals between the two giants.

In the other UEFA Cup semifinal drawn Friday, Czech club Slavia Prague faces Gironde Bordeaux of France, keeping alive the possibility that French clubs could win all three European Cup competitions.

In the Cup Winners Cup semifinals, Spanish side Deportivo La Coruna will play Paris St. Germain and Feyenoord Rotterdam goes against Radni Vienna.

The UEFA Cup semifinals will be played April 2 and 16, with Bayern Munich and Slavia Prague at home in the first leg. The final will be played over two legs May 1 and May 16.

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Baseball club owners make major new proposal

PHOENIX (AP) - There was major movement at the baseball labor talks for the first time in a year, with owners cutting back significantly on their demands.

Owners gave the union a plan Thursday night that abandons their attempt to link a luxury tax to revenue; drops their luxury tax rate from 50 percent to 40%; and increases the threshold where the tax would start from \$44 million to \$46m.

The luxury tax on high-payroll teams, which would help fund revenue sharing, would be in effect from 1998-2001, with the threshold rising 7% per year until it was at \$56.3m. in 2001, the final season of the proposed six-year deal.

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# White House cheers recapture of terrorist who killed Klinghoffer

THE Clinton Administration applauded the recapture in Spain on Friday of Majid Mofqi, convicted of murdering Leon Klinghoffer during the 1985 hijacking of the Achille Lauro.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the US is "deeply gratified" at Mofqi's arrest following his escape while on parole from an Italian jail.

"We fully expect that the terrorist will now be returned appropriately to Italy for incarceration," McCurry said.

Italian Jewish Community leader Tullia Zevi expressed relief and satisfaction at the recapture of Mofqi, for whom Italy had also offered an unspecified reward.

The Italian Interior Ministry said Mofqi, 34, was seized in a joint swoop by Italian detectives and Spain's paramilitary Civil

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Guard in the seaside town of Estepona, southwest of Malaga near the Strait of Gibraltar which separates Spain from Tunisia.

FBI director Louis Freeh said in a statement that US agents had worked with Spanish and Italian authorities.

Mofqi's failure to return to Rome's maximum security Rebibbia jail on February 28 following 12 days' leave for good behavior deeply embarrassed Italy and caused indignation in Washington.

The State Department had criticized the decision by an Italian magistrate to let Mofqi out of jail and said it held Italy responsible for "bringing this guy back to justice."

The US has not yet determined

whether the information that led to Mofqi's capture warrants the \$2 million reward it had offered, State Department spokesman Glyn Davies said Friday.

The FBI's Freeh also made a veiled pitch for strengthened anti-terrorism legislation, saying that the case "demonstrates the continuing need to have strong statutory authority to deter and investigate acts of terrorism against Americans, wherever they may occur."

The House last week passed a watered-down version of a bill that would have outlawed fundraising in the US for terrorist groups and enabled the deportation of agents of such groups.

Klinghoffer was shot dead and his body dumped overboard after the Achille Lauro was seized off the coast of Egypt by Palestinian terrorists.



Environment Minister Yossi Sarid was on hand Friday to welcome a male bearded vulture at the Tel Aviv University Zoological Gardens. The bearded vulture has been extinct in Israel since the 1980s, with the exception of one female, who is in captivity at the university. The male was brought from Belgium by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel. It is hoped that the offspring of the two will be released into the wild. (Hanoach Grizinsky/Israel Sun)

# Ukrainian couple slain at home weeks before immigrating here

A MIDDLE-AGED couple from Ukraine who were due to make aliya during the Intermediate Days of Pessah were found murdered in their apartment in Simferopol on Monday night.

The couple, Leonid and Tatiana Michalin, had been brutally slain and all their money and documents were missing, the Jewish Agency emissary in the region reported to Jerusalem at the end of the week. Local police who are investigating the incident said

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they believe the motive for the murder was criminal.

The Michalins' son, Alexander, who immigrated here earlier and lives in Petah Tikva, returned to Simferopol to attend the funeral.

The agency's aliya coordinator last spoke to the couple a week ago to discuss last-minute arrangements.

Meanwhile, Leonid's sister,

who had tried several times to reach them, asked a neighbor who had a key to enter the apartment.

She found Tatiana strangled to death and Leonid axed and knifed.

The couple had earlier sold their apartment and some of their possessions and had cash on them as well as passports and other documents.

Police believe they opened the door to let the murderer in.

# Court more than doubles sentence in rape of 11-year-old stepdaughter

EVELYN GORDON

THE Supreme Court last week more than doubled the sentence of a man convicted of raping his stepdaughter, increasing it from four to 10 years.

The man had been convicted of raping the 11½-year-old girl by the Nazareth District Court, which sentenced him to only four years. The district court's reasons for the light sentence were that the man had no previous convictions, and that he had only raped the girl once, rather than repeat-

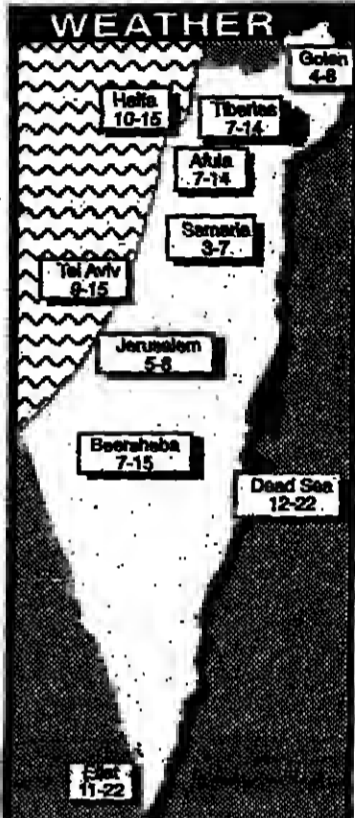
edly. The state then appealed. Justices Eliezer Goldberg, Eliahu Mazza and Ya'akov Kedmi agreed with the state that neither of these reasons justified so light a sentence for such a serious crime.

Incest has unfortunately become widespread, even among otherwise upstanding citizens, they said, so it is necessary to impose stiff sentences which

might deter this trend.

The justices said they would have given the man an even longer sentence had they been sitting as the court of first instance, but since their policy is not to exercise the full harshness of the law on appeal, they upped the sentence to only 10 years.

In their verdict, the justices stressed that it is the Supreme Court's explicit policy to "deal severely with crimes of this nature."



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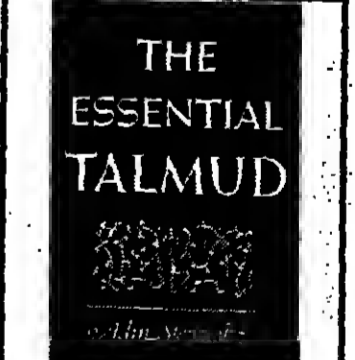
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## Reform movement leader Rabbi Leon Kronish dies

RABBI Leon Kronish, founding senior rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom in Miami Beach and a former national chairman of State of Israel Bonds, has died after a long illness.

Prior to suffering a stroke in 1984, Kronish had been one of the leading Reform rabbis of American Jewry and a leading Zionist force within Reform Judaism for many years.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Voter workshops scheduled for Americans

Workshops on how to register for US elections will be held around the country this week. Phyllis Taylor, federal voting assistance director, will lead workshops at the embassy (11:00) and the AACI in Netanya (4:00) on Wednesday, and at the consulate on Nablus Road (2:00) and the AACI in Jerusalem (5:00) on Thursday.

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### Kibbutzim forming own party

THE kibbutzim are forming their own party to run in the upcoming Knesset elections, the Match Hahiyushuv, which owns dozens of kibbutzim, announced over the weekend. The decision to form the party was reached after the kibbutzim concluded that "the current political system is held captive by the banks." The kibbutzim are angry that no state commission of inquiry has been formed to examine the findings of the Procaccia Report, which says that the banks overcharged the kibbutzim for debt incurred in the 1980s.

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### Darawshe heading Democratic Arab Party

Democratic Arab Party MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe was chosen over the weekend to head his party's list for the upcoming elections. Second place was allocated to MK Taleb a-Sanaa, while Mohammed Hassan Kus'ar was third, Hassan Gawi fourth and Mohammed Zabida fifth.

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### Eurovision judges turn down Israeli entry

Eurovision Song Contest judges said good-bye to Israel's entry 'Hello World' by singer Galit Bell. The number of song contest hopefuls has drastically increased with the participation of eastern European countries and the new states that formed out of Yugoslavia. To limit the number of participants, eight judges of the Eurovision Broadcasting Union select 22 of the 32 offerings to determine which make the grade.

Liat Collins

### Remand extended in cocaine case

THREE people accused of smuggling 43 kilos of cocaine - Ya'acov Ohamna, 44, his wife Margozza, 43, of Moshav Kadima in the Sharon region, and Ya'acov's brother Maxim, 46, from Kibbutz Sdot Yam - had their remands extended by 10 days in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on Friday. The cocaine, valued at about \$3 million, was allegedly smuggled in a lift shipped from the US which the couple sent as returning Israelis.

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## US Senate will probe fate of funds in Swiss accounts

NEW YORK (Reuter) - The Senate Banking Committee will hold hearings on what happened to funds deposited in Swiss banks by Jews and other Holocaust victims, the World Jewish Congress said on Friday.

The Coogress said that New York Republican Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, the committee's chairman, had informed it that he will go ahead with hearings and had already asked for information from the Swiss Banking Association, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Secretaries of State and the Treasury.

A spokesman for the senator was not available for comment.

D'Amato has asked the CIA for information about a secret US postwar operation called "Project Safehaven," which aimed to track and then block the export of funds by Nazis from neutral countries like Switzerland, a WJC spokesman said.

The WJC and the Swiss Banking Association have been arguing about unclaimed funds in Swiss banks left by Holocaust victims. The Swiss group says it can only trace 775 unclaimed accounts with a total value of \$33 million.

While not disputing the Swiss Banking group's figures, the WJC has called for independent verification.

## Principal: Feuerstein unfit for Ethiopian program

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THE principal of Tel Aviv's Kedma school has charged that Israel Prize laureate Reuven Feuerstein should not run a program to integrate Ethiopian children into the school system, since, in the 1950s, he said immigrants from Oriental countries were of inferior intelligence.

Feuerstein was put in charge of the project to evaluate the abilities of children from the Ethiopian community who have been placed in special education schools or classes with a view to bringing about their integration in the regular education system, the Education Ministry spokesman said. The ministry has allocated him and his staff NIS 3 mil-

lion for the project for the current fiscal year.

But Kedma principal Sammy Shalom Shitrit charged at the weekend that Feuerstein should be disqualified from dealing with the Ethiopian community on the grounds that he had shared immigrants from Oriental countries. It was likely that he would take a similar approach to the Ethiopians, said Shitrit. Kedma is a school for pupils interested in fostering "Mizrahi" (Oriental) culture.

Ministry Director-General Shimshoo Shoshani said Thursday that Feuerstein was a world-renowned educator and eminently qualified for the post.

## Suspect in Crown Heights slaying to be tried as adult

NEW YORK (AP) - A 20-year-old black man can be tried as an adult in the slaying of a rabbinical student during the 1991 black riots in Crown Heights, a Brooklyn federal judge ruled Friday.

The 42-page written opinion by US District Court Judge David Trager clears the way for prosecutors to pursue federal charges against Lemrick Nelson for vio-

lating the civil rights of Yankel Rosenbaum, "resulting in his death."

Rosenbaum, 29, a yeshiva student from Australia, was fatally stabbed during the antisemitic street disturbances that erupted after a car in the motorcade of the Lubavitch rebbe struck and killed a seven-year-old black, Gavio Cato.

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## Queen to honor Holocaust victims in Warsaw

LONDON (AP) - Queen Elizabeth II, responding to a request from Britain's Jewish community, will honor the memory of Holocaust victims during her state visit to Poland next week, the government said Friday.

Jewish leaders had expressed disappointment that the queen had not planned a trip to Auschwitz or any other former concentration camp during the visit, which begins tomorrow. The queen leaves for the Czech Republic on Wednesday.

The royal itinerary has now been amended to include a visit and wreath-laying at the Umschlagplatz in Warsaw from where Jews were sent by train to Treblinka.

"The queen has great respect for the views of the Jewish community in Britain and is glad it has been possible to include a visit to the Umschlagplatz," a Foreign Office statement said.

Earlier, the Board of Deputies of British Jews had made a plea for the queen to change her itinerary.

Buckingham Palace and the Foreign Office defended the itinerary by pointing out that the queen and Prince Philip will undertake other engagements commemorating the suffering of the Poles and Polish Jews during World War II.

The queen will visit Warsaw's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier tomorrow, and will visit the city's wartime ghetto to pay her respects.

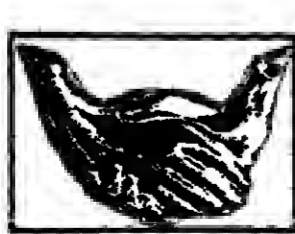
## Wolf Prizes to be awarded

THE 1995-96 Wolf Foundation Prizes will be awarded at the Knesset tonight, in a ceremony to be attended by President Ezer Weizman and Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss.

This year's honorees are: Agriculture: Morris Schnitzer, Ottawa, Canada, and Frank Stevenson, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana; Chemistry: Gilbert Stork, Columbia University, New York and Samuel Danishefsky, Memorial Sloan-Kettering and Columbia University; Mathematics: Robert Langlands, Princeton University and Andrew Wiles, Princeton University; Medicine: Stanley Prusiner, University of California School of Medicine; and Arts: Zubio Mehta, Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, and Gyorgy Ligeti, Hamburg. Musical entertainment will be provided by pianist Saar Ahuvia.

## "Hope" The Jewel of Peace

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